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STATEMENT BY DANIEL KOTTUT, THE DELEGATION OF KENYA

On the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

Ireland at the 25th session of the UPR

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Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Ireland to this cycle of UPR and thank them for the informative national report.

We congratulate Ireland for taking concrete steps to implement the first UPR recommendations to increase the level of protection and implementation of human rights in their country for the benefit of all. At the national level we recognize their efforts which include legal and policy interventions to combat Anti-racism and at international level, her undertakings to increase international development aid to support human rights and right to development through the aid programme and lastly her active engagement in the UN process towards the establishment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We recommend to Ireland to:

- Adopt a National Human Rights Action Plan and continue consultations towards this end with stakeholders;
- Continue the increase development aid to reach the target of 0.7% GDP as this will increase the ability of aid recipients to achieve the right to development and protect and promote human rights; and
- Complete the processes they are undertaking regarding anti-racism.

I thank you