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Ireland

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Mr President,

New Zealand welcomes the delegation from **Ireland**, and notes encouraging developments in Ireland since its last UPR.

New Zealand **commends**, for example, Ireland for its progress in relation to gender equality, and in particular gender pay equity.

New Zealand also **commend's** Ireland for its amendment to the Constitution to allow same-sex marriage in November 2015.

However, we note that further work is needed in the area of sexual and reproductive health policy for adolescents. New Zealand **recommends** that Ireland adopt a comprehensive sexual and reproductive health policy for adolescents and ensure that sexual and reproductive health education is part of the mandatory school curriculum and targeted at adolescent girls and boys, with special attention on preventing early pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.

New Zealand also **recommend's** that Ireland ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which Ireland signed on 29 March 2007.

We wish the delegation a successful review.

Thank you Mr President.