

Statement by Hungary on Ireland

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Mr. President,

Hungary warmly welcomes the delegation of Ireland and thanks for the detailed national report and the update.

We commend that Ireland demonstrates a firm commitment to the promotion of the work and protection of human rights defenders ~~both at the national and international level~~. Hungary is particularly pleased that at the Human Rights Council Ireland regularly leads or co-sponsors thematic resolutions on HRDs, civil society space, freedom of expression and ~~last but not least~~, reprisals.

We welcome that Ireland accepted the large majority of recommendations made to it during its first UPR, however we are disappointed at the lack of progress in implementing several of them. For instance, it is regrettable that it has not ratified yet the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, ~~signed in 2007~~. Therefore we recommend that Ireland pass the necessary legislation as soon as possible to enable the ratification of CRPD.

We also believe that it is vital that a national preventive mechanism be put in place as required under the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT) and in line with accepted UPR recommendations. Hungary recommends the establishment of such a mechanism and the prompt ratification of the Optional Protocol.

Finally, we are ~~concerned by the documented prevalence of mental health problems in Ireland, including having the highest~~ ^{and} rate of female youth suicide in the EU. We would be interested to ~~know what the root causes are of this phenomenon and what the Irish government can do to overcome the problem.~~ ^{hear about}

Thank you, Mr. President!