

UPR25/Ireland
Statement by Slovakia
11 May 2016

Mr. President,

Slovakia appreciates the actual national report of Ireland presented during this second cycle of UPR and the fact that many recommendations since the first UPR cycle have been accepted.

We commend the Ireland for the establishment of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission as a national human rights institution and as an assistant to public bodies to ensure compliance with their duty to work in a manner consistent with human rights.

We take note that The Protection of Life During Pregnancy Act is in force and the Guidance Document on the implementation of the Act was published. However, still some legislative framework concerning abortion should be revised. Therefore, we encourage the Ireland to work further to guarantee in certain conditions, in particular in life threatening cases, the effective access for women to abortion.

We welcome the adoption of the Children First Act which should improve the care and protection of children and introduces new mechanisms in legislation. We also welcome that a Child and Family Agency (Tusla) has been established with responsibility for child protection and welfare services.

We would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Ireland:

- 1. Ensure the full right for women to abortion and implement the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights regarding this right.**
- 2. Provide the Child and Family Agency with adequate resources to be able to meet its targets and effectively implement the Children First Act.**
- 3. Become a State Party of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (ICPED).**
- 4. Become a State Party of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).**

Thank you.