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Statement made by the United Arab Emirates in the Interactive  
Dialogue with IRELAND**

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**Mr. President,**

We would like to express our appreciation to the delegation of Ireland for its presentation.

We recognize Ireland's achievements in the field of human rights. In particular, we welcome Ireland's efforts to strengthen protections for the rights of the child, including the establishment of the Child and Family Agency in 2014, the adoption of the Children First Act in 2015 and the establishment by the police of a Child Protection and Human Exploitation Unit.

The UAE recommends that Ireland:

1. Implement public awareness campaigns to promote tolerance and respect for cultural diversity.
2. Strengthen measures to counter the use of racial discrimination and Islamophobia discourse in politics and in the media.

**Thank you Mr. President**

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