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Bangladesh statement on UPR of Ireland

Thank you Mr. President.

I welcome the delegation of Ireland.

We have noted various remarkable progresses made in the country in various arealast four years. Promoting Pluralism is one such area. We are happy to note primacy of best interests of the child in the International Protection Act 2015 in dealing with the extension. We appreciate the government's commitment to combating and challenging all manifestations of racism and happy to note that the new Integration Strategy will include a strong anti-racism component, with specific areas for action to promote intercultural awareness.

Mr. President, Ireland has its equal share of challenges. Several treaty bodies have expressed their concern in various areas. The CESCR expressed concern at pervasive gender inequality. Women continues to be underrepresented in both public and private sectors, particularly in decision-making positions. Several treaty bodies expressed concerns on various ground about the situation of Roma community including exclusion from access to health-care services. CRC was concerned at continued discriminatory admission policies in schools on the basis of a child's religion.

My delegation recommends that Ireland , -

1. takes effective measures to increase women's representation in decision-making positions and close the pay gap;
2. Strengthens measures to eliminate discrimination against Roma and children on the basis of religion in health and education sectors; and
3. Continues to promote pluralism.

Thank you.

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