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**Statement**  
**by the Islamic Republic of Iran**  
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**Review of Ireland**  
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*In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful*

**Mr. President,**

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Ireland and thanks it for its presentation.

The Islamic Republic of Iran is gravely concerned about the high rate of racial discrimination, related intolerance and racial profiling, especially against Muslim people and people of African origin in Ireland.

We note the measures taken by the Irish Government to address the children's rights. However, we share the Committee on the Rights of the Child's concern regarding the state of health of children in single parent families, children in poverty and Traveller and Roma children which is significantly worse than the national average.

Therefore, we would like to make the following recommendations to Ireland:

- To put in place a robust mechanism in order to put an end to racism, racial discrimination and related intolerance, especially against Muslim people and people of African origin;
- To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD);
- To take concrete measures for the issuance of medical cards in Traveller

and Roma communities, to guarantee that such children enjoy the same access to and quality of health-care services as others.

Thank you,

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