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**UPR – Ireland**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Ireland and thank them for their national report and presentation.

Italy welcomes the priority recognized by Ireland to the promotion and protection of human rights, and the measures taken in order to implement the recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the UPR.

We would like to congratulate Ireland in particular on the steps taken in order to deepen and enhance the protection of children and their participation in decision-making, namely through the institution of the Child and Family Agency, the adoption of the Children First Act and the launch of the National Strategy on Children and Young People's Participation in Decision-making (2015-2020).

We also applaud Ireland's commitment on the protection of women's rights and the fight against violence against women, and in particular the adoption of the Second National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence 2016-2021. Welcoming the fact that the Strategy contains an action plan for ratification of the Istanbul Convention, Italy **recommends** Ireland to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.

We take note with appreciation of the adoption of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Bill 2015, and of the positive impact it will have on the rights of persons with intellectual disabilities, and **recommend** that Ireland ratify the CRPD.

We wish Ireland all the best in this current review.

Thank you.