

## 25th session of the Universal Periodic Review

### Statement by Ireland on the review of the United Republic Tanzania

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Ireland welcomes the delegation of Tanzania and thanks it for its presentation and engagement with the UPR process.

Ireland welcomes initiatives by Tanzania in relation to the prevention of violence against women and children since its First Review such as the Roadmap for raising awareness on Violence against Children and Gender Based Violence (2014-2016) and the National Plan of Action to Accelerate the Eradication of FGM and Other Harmful Traditional Practices (2013-2017). Ireland is concerned that some elements of domestic violence are not legislated for under the Penal Code.

Ireland **recommends** that Tanzania improves access to justice for victims of intimate partner violence (IPV), including enacting relevant legislation that would recognise and criminalise marital rape, spousal battery and other forms of IPV.

Ireland welcomes the peaceful manner in which the multiparty elections that took place in October 2015 were conducted. However Ireland has concerns about the limits placed on the freedom of assembly, in particular in relation to facilitating public rallies for parties, before and after the elections in both Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar.

Ireland **recommends** that Tanzania creates and maintains a safe and enabling environment where all political parties and civil society organisations can exercise their rights to freedom of assembly in a manner which allows legitimate and peaceful dissent.