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**Statement of Ireland**

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Review of Dominican Republic

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Ireland welcomes the delegation of the Dominican Republic and thanks it for its presentation today.

Ireland notes the Dominican Republic’s efforts to advance human rights domestically and acknowledges progress made since the last UPR cycle. In particular, we commend efforts to combat corruption through the independent public prosecution office. While Ireland also welcomes efforts to address unregistered births, we remain concerned by the obstacles to registering the birth of children born to a Dominican father and a non-national or undocumented mother and the levels of statelessness.

Ireland recommends that the Dominican Republic:

1. Promptly adopt the draft law to amend Law No. 137-03 on the Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons to expand the definition of trafficking with regard to minors.
2. Repeal article 317 of the Penal Code and so end the detention of women for abortion-related offences, ensure their immediate release, and the provision to them of adequate reparations.

We wish the Dominican Republic every success in this UPR cycle. Thank you.