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**Statement of Ireland**

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Review of Yemen

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

Ireland welcomes Yemen’s efforts, in very difficult circumstances, to advance human rights domestically. Ireland commends the creation of new units and departments dealing with human rights issues across several government agencies, including the new human rights unit in the Ministry of Interior. We also recognise the steps taken by the government to support female victims of violence including the creation of two rehabilitation centres. We remain concerned, however, at the lack of comprehensive legislation to prevent and address all forms of gender-based violence.

Ireland recommends Yemen:

1. Ensure all parties unconditionally and fully cooperate with the United Nations to facilitate rapid, safe and unhindered humanitarian access throughout Yemen, in compliance with Security Council resolutions.
2. End the mahram (male guardian) requirement for all women across the country.
3. Take measures to criminalize all forms of gender-based violence against women, including sexual harassment, domestic violence and marital rape.

We wish Yemen every success in this UPR cycle. Thank you.