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**Statement of Ireland**

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Review of Costa Rica

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Ireland welcomes the delegation of Costa Rica and thanks it for its presentation today.

Ireland welcomes Costa Rica’s efforts to advance human rights domestically and commends the progress made since the last UPR cycle. In particular, we welcome the legalisation of same-sex marriage in 2020 and continued commitment to addressing violence against women and girls, including through legislation and support services for victims and survivors of such violence.

Ireland acknowledges Costa Rica’s efforts to accommodate the growth in the number of persons from the region seeking asylum and encourages strengthening of policies to fully protect the rights of those seeking asylum and those already with refugee status.

Ireland recommends that Costa Rica:

1. Decriminalize abortion in all cases and provide accessible information to all on contraception and sexual and reproductive health and rights.
2. Ensure the full implementation of the National Policy for Addressing and Preventing Violence against Women of all Ages, including through the allocation of sufficient resources.

We wish Costa Rica every success in this UPR cycle. Thank you.