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**Statement of Ireland**

**47th session of the UPR Working Group**

Review of Norway

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

Ireland commends Norway’s efforts to advance human rights domestically and notes progress made since the last UPR cycle.

In particular, Ireland welcomes efforts made to address discrimination, hate speech and hate crimes, including the introduction of *Action Plans on Racism and Discrimination, on Combatting Discrimination and Hatred Towards Muslims and on Gender and Sexual Diversity,* as well as the establishment by the Norwegian Police service of a *National Expertise Group on Hate Crime.*

Ireland regrets Norway’s lack of progress regarding our Cycle 3 recommendation to take a consent-centred approach to the crime of rape.

Ireland recommends that Norway:

1. Adopt a legal definition of rape in the Penal Code that places the lack of freely given consent at its centre.
2. Take steps to amend legislation on solitary confinement as recommended by The Council of Europe’s Committee on the Prevention of Torture.

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