**39th session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Hungary**

**Statement of Ireland**

**2 November 2021**

Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Hungary and thanks it for its presentation today.

Ireland welcomes the leadership of Hungary in the core group of the resolution on reprisals.

We note the repeal of the Act on the Transparency of Organisations Receiving Foreign Funds in line with the ruling of the European Court of Justice, but remain concerned about restrictions on civil society space, including those imposed by the bill replacing this Act.

Ireland is also concerned about the protection of LGBTI+ rights in Hungary.

Ireland recommends:

1. Take all the necessary steps to end stigmatisation of and discrimination against the LGBTI+ community, including by repealing legislation that uses child protection as a pretext for further marginalising LGBTI+ persons.
2. Create an enabling environment for civil society by removing all legislation which affects organisations’ abilities to operate effectively, including disproportionately restrictive rules and unreasonable oversight

We wish Hungary every success with this UPR cycle.