**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF IRELAND AT THE 39TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 10 NOVEMBER 2021**

Mdm President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation of Ireland and notes with appreciation the progress made since their last review.

We recognise the efforts Ireland has undertaken to combat racism and xenophobia, such as the newly launched National Action Plan Against Racism. However, we note that there continue to be reported incidents of racial profiling as well as increasing cases of racist hate speech, including by politicians. **Singapore recommends that Ireland strengthen its legislation on racism, including introducing laws and policies to tackle the prevalence of hate speech both online and offline.**

We appreciate that Ireland has placed greater attention on preventing and combating human trafficking. However, we note that there has been a relatively low prosecution and conviction rate for trafficking cases. **Singapore recommends that Ireland effectively implement its current suite of anti-trafficking legislation, and ensure that the victims of trafficking receive adequate protection and assistance.**

We wish Ireland all the best in the implementation of accepted recommendations.

Thank you, Mdm President.

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