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Review of Ireland

Intervention by Delegation of Ukraine

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Madame President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Ireland and thanks for its National Report.

We commend Ireland for its comprehensive national human rights policy and achievements since the last reporting cycle.

Especially worth noting are strong institutional and legislative basis for dealing with broad spectrum of human rights challenges, continued ratification of relevant international instruments, advances in ensuring effectiveness of the judiciary, elimination of hate crime, protection of marginalized groups.

In view of supporting further progress Ukraine recommends:

* to finalize the ratification of the OPCAT *(Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture);*
* to continue efforts aimed at ensuring compatibility of the new Electoral Code with the ICCPR *(International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)*;
* to consider introducing legislative guarantee of free primary and secondary education.

Thank you.