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**UPR39 – IRELAND**

**Statement by Slovakia**

10 November 2021

President,

Slovakia warmly welcomes Ireland´s delegation to the UPR Session and thanks them for the presentation as well as the update on the steps taken by the government since 2016.

We welcome the ratification by Ireland of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We also applaud the efforts of Ireland to address its legacy issues, such as the Magdalen Laundries. Only those who have the courage to confront themselves with the past have the chance not to repeat it.

We commend the measures taken by the Irish government to fight the scourge of homelessness. This phenomenon hits society’s most vulnerable, including children, women and minorities. Furthermore, it pushes many low-income families to the edge of society. We **recommend** Ireland to continue tackling this complex issue with unrelenting vigor.

We see ongoing action to combat all forms of racism and xenophobia. We **recommend** concentrating especially on the subtle forms such as profiling, prejudices, hate speech and stereotypes. In the increasingly changing demography of Ireland, it is also important to avoid tolerating the narrative about “accepted” forms of racism.

Finally, we **recommend** Ireland to ratify the Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

We wish Ireland a successful review.

I thank you, President.