**31st session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Monaco**

**Statement of Ireland**

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Thank you, Mr. (Vice) President.

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

Ireland congratulates Monaco on progress made since the last UPR cycle, including the ratification of a number of international human rights instruments such as the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW.

Building on these positive developments, Ireland **recommends** that Monaco sign and ratify the Optional Protocols to the ICCPR and ICESCR.

Ireland welcomes the Monegasque Government’s establishment of a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) in 2013 but notes that it has not yet been accredited by the Global Alliance of NHRIs. We **recommend** that Monaco ensure that the NHRI is fully compliant with the Paris Principles and seek such accreditation.

We wish Monaco every success in this UPR cycle.

Thank you.