**36th session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Andorra**

**Statement of Ireland**

**05 November 2020**

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

Ireland acknowledges Andorra’s efforts to advance human rights domestically and commends progress made since the last UPR cycle.

We also welcome the amendment of the Criminal Code to prohibit trafficking in human beings for the purposes of organ removal, slavery and sexual exploitation. We note however, that legislation could go further in prohibiting trafficking in human beings in all circumstances.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Andorran authorities:

1. Accede to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
2. Amend legislation to ensure that the Office of the Ombudsman fully complies with the Paris Principles, or create an independent national human rights institution that does so.

We wish Andorra every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.