**36 session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Honduras**

**Statement of Ireland**

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

Ireland acknowledges Honduras’ efforts to advance human rights domestically.

In particular we underline our support for the Special Prosecutors’ Offices and encourage Honduras to ensure that they are effectively resourced so that they can fulfil their mandate. We also commend Honduras’s progress in police reform, and encourage Honduras to continue on this path.

Ireland makes the following recommendations:

1. Implement more effectively and fully the 2016 National Protection Mechanism, to ensure the protection of human rights defenders and sign and ratify the Escazú Agreement (
2. Support the work of the Inter-Institutional Commission of the Follow-up on Investigations on the Violent Deaths of Women and Femicide, and accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

We wish Honduras every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.