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

**Review of Mongolia**

**Statement of Ireland**

**4 November 2020**

Thank you, Madame President

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

Ireland acknowledges Mongolia's efforts to advance human rights domestically and welcomes progress made since the last UPR cycle.

Ireland previously recommended that Mongolia *"Adopt comprehensive legislation to counter discrimination, and take steps to ensure that equality enshrined in such legislation or in existing law is achieved in practice".* We commend the actions that have been taken in this regard to combat discrimination against LGBTI persons.

Building on this, Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Mongolian authorities:

1. Adopt comprehensive legislation to protect the rights of women and girls, including through revision of the Criminal Code and Labour Code in relation to sexual and workplace harassment.
2. Adopt and implement legislation that recognises and protects human rights defenders to ensure they can freely carry out their activities to promote and defend human rights.

We wish Mongolia every success with this UPR cycle

Thank you.