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Clustered interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on violence against women  
and the Special Rapporteur on trafficking

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the European Union and adds the following.

Mr (Vice) President,

Ireland welcomes the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and the Special Rapporteur on trafficking and thanks them for their presentations today. We wish to direct our comments today to the Special Rapporteur on violence against women.

With 2019 marking the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur, as well as the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Committee on the elimination of discrimination against women, we welcome the opportunity to reflect on the growing challenges faced by women globally and how best we can support the work of the Special Rapporteur to address them.

We agree with the Special Rapporteur that gender inequality and all forms of violence against women must be addressed through the robust application of international human rights law, which in turn needs to be enshrined in national law and institutions.

This year, Ireland ratified the *Istanbul Convention*, the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combatting violence against women and domestic violence. As such, advancing the rights of women at home and overseas is and will continue to be a priority for the Irish Government. We will also remain steadfast in our support for multilateralism.

*Ms. Šimonovic, what practical steps can States take to better support you in your mandate, in particular, to address the deeply rooted and systematic discrimination and violence against women highlighted in your report?*