



**Statement of Ireland**  
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Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism,  
racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

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

Mr President,

Ireland thanks the Special Rapporteur for the presentation of her report and wishes to reiterate its continuing support for her mandate.

Ireland is committed to the principle of non-discrimination, enshrined in the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, and remains deeply concerned that people all around the world continue to suffer discrimination on the grounds of race, colour, descent, nationality, or ethnic origin. We also recognise the important work being carried out by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and urge all States to actively engage with the Committee with a view to combating intolerance and ensuring equal treatment for all.

Ireland welcomes the report of the Special Rapporteur, which focuses on “Global extractivism and racial equality”. We are deeply concerned at the reports of killings and deaths of human rights defenders of racial and ethnic communities around the world, as well as the racialised criminalisation of indigenous peoples and people of African descent who oppose extractivist projects. We are also worried by the gendered effects of extractivism, as outlined by the Special Rapporteur, and reports of the subordination and exclusion of women in extractivist processes.

*Madame Special Rapporteur having identified human rights defenders as being particularly vulnerable, what additional recommendations would you make to step up measures for their protection?*