



Statement of Ireland

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Interactive Dialogue with the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Islamic Republic of Iran

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the Fact Finding Mission for its oral update.

We call on Iran to cooperate fully with the independent, international Fact-Finding Mission.

Ireland remains deeply concerned by the human rights situation in Iran, which continues to deteriorate. Women and girls, human rights defenders, and persons belonging to minorities continue to face discrimination. We underscore Iran's obligations to respect, protect and fulfil human rights, including the rights of women and girls and eliminate gender-based discrimination.

We are deeply alarmed at the continuing application of the death penalty to individuals who were exercising their right to freedom of opinion and expression, and the right to peaceful assembly and association. Ireland deplores the use of the death penalty in all circumstances. We call on the Iranian government to implement an immediate moratorium on executions.

We reiterate our call on the Iranian authorities to strictly abide by the principles enshrined in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, including the right of peaceful assembly.

Special rapporteur, how can the international community engage meaningfully with Iran through diplomatic and political avenues to ensure respect for human rights?