



Statement of Ireland
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Review of Rwanda

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

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

We welcome the progress made to implement a legal framework protecting human rights, including the 2016 and 2018 amendments to the Penal Code. Ireland is, however, concerned about reports of extrajudicial killings and torture and calls for all allegations to be fully investigated.

Ireland makes the following recommendations:

1. Ensure a safe and enabling environment for civil society including by lifting onerous registration requirements on civil society organisations.
2. Conduct thorough, impartial and independent investigations into all reports of harassment and attacks on human rights defenders and journalists, and bring those responsible to justice.

We wish Rwanda every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.