



**Statement of Ireland**  
**44<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group**

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Review of Cameroon

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Ireland welcomes the delegation and thanks it for its presentation.

Ireland recognises the efforts of Cameroon to advance human rights domestically, including through the National Development Strategy and the amendment of the Civil Code and the Family Code.

Ireland is concerned at the increased instances of the application of the death sentence, despite the moratorium, and continuing credible reports of torture of detainees. Ireland is also concerned at reports of incitement to hatred by public officials.

Ireland recommends Cameroon:

1. Increase access to birth registration through the introduction of mobile courts for the issuance of birth certificates, with a focus on those in rural or remote areas.
2. Enact legislation to create a safe and enabling environment to allow human rights defenders to carry out their work effectively, including in the North-West and South-West regions.

We wish Cameroon every success in this UPR cycle. Thank you.