



Statement of Ireland
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Review of Qatar

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Thank you, Mr (Vice) President.

Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Qatar and thanks them for their presentation.

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

While we strongly welcome accession to ICESCR and the ICCPR in 2018, we urge Qatar to reconsider the reservations it lodged when acceding to both Covenants and encourage the Government to bring national legislation fully into line with their provisions.

Ireland makes the following recommendations:

1. Completely abolish the exit permit requirement for migrant workers, including by removing the need for domestic workers and others excluded from the Labour Law to obtain the permission of their employer before leaving the country.
2. Establish a formal moratorium on the use of the death penalty with a view to its complete abolition, and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

We wish Qatar every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.