

Universal Periodic Review – 22nd Session

Draft Statement by Ireland on the review of the United States

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Ireland welcomes the delegation from the US and thanks it for its presentation.

Ireland commends the US for drawing up a national action plan for Responsible Business Behaviour.

Ireland is deeply concerned by the arbitrariness, discrimination and harsh death row conditions that mark the US capital justice system.

Ireland **recommends** that the US federal authorities impose a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty nationwide.

Ireland is greatly concerned over reports of alleged police-led human rights abuses against African-Americans. Ireland recognises that these concerns have been acknowledged by the US authorities at the highest levels, with President Obama having highlighted the need to investigate how laws and their policing are implemented.

Ireland **recommends** that the US federal authorities continue to vigorously investigate recent cases of alleged police-led human rights abuses against African-Americans and seek to build improved relations and trust between US law enforcement and all communities around the US.