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Statement of Ireland

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Mr President,

Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and reiterates our strong support for the Special Rapporteur's mandate.

We thank the Special Rapporteur for his visionary call for new approaches to service and support models, championing individual autonomy and social inclusion.

Ireland is working on major reforms to support persons with a disability to live a life of their own choosing in the community, and to make services genuinely person-centred. This is grounded in a move to community and individualised supports, which are focussed on the achievement of meaningful personal outcomes. Our research shows that a significantly higher quality of life is achieved in small community-based housing rather than in larger settings.

Championing the leadership and skills of persons with disabilities at the international level is also a key priority for Ireland

Special Rapporteur,

Ireland welcomes the intersectional approach taken in your report. Can you speak further on the ways in which States can address the intersection of gender in the disability service paradigm in order to create more equitable policies?

Thank you.