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Review of Tanzania

Statement of Ireland

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

Ireland acknowledges Tanzania's efforts to promote gender equality domestically, including in relation to the prevention of violence against women and children. Ireland notes progress under the National Plan of Action to End Violence against Women and Children 2017-2022. We welcome the ongoing review of the Law of Marriage Act (1971) and relevant legislation.

Ireland welcomes the commitments by the Government of Tanzania to initiate political dialogue with opposition parties.

Ireland therefore recommends that Tanzania:

1. Amend the Law of Marriage Act (1971) and other legislation to reflect the Court of Appeal decision on the minimum age of marriage.
2. Ensure a safe and enabling environment for political parties, civil society organisations, and human rights defenders to exercise their legitimate activities effectively and independently.

We wish Tanzania every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.