



Statement of Ireland
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Review of the Republic of Djibouti

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Ireland thanks the delegation for its presentation.

Ireland commends the progress made since the last UPR cycle, including in reducing the prevalence and severity of female genital mutilation. However, Ireland is concerned by the latest UN data, which indicates that 78% of girls and women are still subjected to the practice.

Ireland also remains concerned that the protection of rights facilitating political participation, in particular freedoms of opinion and expression, association and peaceful assembly, continue to be constrained, both in law and practice.

Ireland recommends that Djibouti:

1. Ensure that the legal framework providing for protection of the rights of freedoms of opinion and expression, association and peaceful assembly is compatible with international standards and enables full and free participation in political life.
2. Ensure sustained investment in preventing FGM and protecting the rights of women and girls, by providing adequate and free or affordable quality legal advice, quality counselling and compensation to victims.

We wish the Republic of Djibouti every success in this UPR cycle.

Thank you.