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Review of Slovak Republic

Statement of Ireland

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Ireland welcomes the delegation of the Slovak Republic and thanks it for its presentation today.

We welcome the progress that has taken place on human rights in the Slovak Republic since its last review, and in particular the adoption of a number of strategies and action plans addressing specific human rights issues, notably those relating to the prevention and elimination of violence against women and the protection of children from violence.

Ireland also welcomes developments designed to address the education needs of children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Slovak authorities:

1. That the Slovak Republic redouble its efforts to improve access for Roma children to the education system.
2. That the Slovak Republic complete the process of legislative changes to ensure that the Slovak National Centre for Human Rights is fully compliant with the Paris Principles and that it is provided with adequate financial and human resources to assist it in meeting the standards required by the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

We wish the Slovak Republic every success in this UPR cycle.

Thank you.