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Review of Argentina**

**Statement of Ireland  
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Thank you, Mr. Vice President

Ireland welcomes the delegation of Argentina and thanks it for its presentation.

We welcome Argentina's efforts to advance human rights domestically and acknowledge progress made, as well as Argentina's continued advocacy for human rights on the global stage.

We appreciate that in 2016 Argentina adopted its first National Action Plan for the Prevention, Assistance and Eradication of Violence against Women and that since 2015, the Supreme Court administers the national femicide register.

Ireland congratulates Argentina on hosting this September the EU-CELAC Workshop on the prevention of gender-based violence.

However we acknowledge that Argentina still faces significant instances of discrimination and difficulties in combatting violence against women. We **recommend** that Argentina allocate adequate budgetary resources to the effective implementation of its National Action Plan for the Prevention, Assistance and Eradication of Violence against Women and ensure that sufficient safe shelters for women victims are available and easily accessible in every province.

Ireland congratulates Argentina on its record of adherence to international human rights norms and treaties, as well as its excellent cooperation with special procedures and treaty bodies. While we acknowledge that legislative processes have been advancing, implementation remains weak in some cases, and has been hampered by delays in the administration of justice.

This implementation gap disproportionately affects vulnerable members of Argentine society, including members of indigenous communities, the poor, LGBTI people and people with disabilities.

We **recommend** that Argentina develop and implement, in close consultation with civil society, a national human rights plan with clear, specific and measurable goals.

Thank you