

31st session of the Universal Periodic Review
Review of Mauritius
Statement of Ireland
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Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Mauritius and thanks it for its presentation today.

We congratulate Mauritius on its efforts to advance human rights domestically since the last UPR cycle, in particular the establishment of a ministry for human rights and a committee to report to the UN human rights mechanisms.

Ireland regrets that Mauritius has not repealed Article 250 of the Criminal Code, which criminalises same sex conduct between consenting adults. We share the concerns of the Human Rights Committee about reports of violence, including death threats, against LGBT persons. Ireland therefore recommends that Mauritius repeal Article 250 of the Criminal Code, with a view to decriminalising same sex conduct between consenting adults, in line with the ICCPR.

Ireland also remains concerned about ongoing reports of violence against women and children, in particular increasing rates of domestic violence. We recommend that Mauritius strengthen measures to ensure protection of women's and children's rights, including by implementing fully the relevant laws as well as finalising adoption of the consolidated Children's Bill.

We wish Mauritius every success in this UPR cycle.

Thank you.