

39th session of the Universal Periodic Review

Review of Hungary

Statement of Ireland

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

Ireland welcomes the leadership of Hungary in the core group on reprisals.

We note the repeal of the Act on the Transparency of Organisations Receiving Foreign Funds in line with the ruling of the European Court of Justice, but remain concerned about restrictions on civil society space, including those imposed by the bill replacing this Act.

Ireland is also concerned about the protection of LGBTI rights in Hungary.

Ireland recommends:

1. Take all the necessary steps to end stigmatisation of and discrimination against the LGBTI community, including by repealing legislation that uses child protection as a pretext for further marginalising LGBTI persons.
2. Create an enabling environment for civil society by removing all legislation which affects organisations' ability to operate effectively, including over-restrictive rules and oversight

We wish Hungary every success with this UPR cycle.