



Statement of Ireland
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Review of Cabo Verde

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Ireland welcomes the delegation of Cabo Verde and thanks it for its presentation today.

Ireland acknowledges Cabo Verde's efforts to advance human rights domestically and notes progress made since the last UPR cycle, including the ratification of a number of important international conventions in the area of human rights.

We also welcome the approval of new instruments to ensure the protection of children from sexual exploitation, including the National Action Plan to prevent and combat sexual violence against children and adolescents 2022-2024 and the Victim Assistance Fund 2023.

Ireland commends Cabo Verde for the steps taken to address gender-based violence. However, we are concerned that further progress is needed to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women, including strengthening victim protection services, which we recommended in the last UPR cycle.

Ireland recommends Cabo Verde to:

1. Provide training on combating gender-based violence, supporting and assisting victims and survivors of GBV and eliminating gender stereotypes, to members of the judiciary, legal professionals and law enforcement personnel.
2. Expand the provision of victim assistance offices to all police stations.
3. Develop public awareness-raising campaigns on the rights of LGBTIQI+ persons and reinforce legislative frameworks to ensure their rights are upheld.

We wish Cabo Verde every success in this UPR cycle. Thank you.