



Statement of Ireland
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Review of Tuvalu

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Mr Vice-President,

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

Ireland acknowledges Tuvalu's efforts to advance human rights domestically and notes progress made since the last UPR cycle,

Ireland welcomes the recent passing of legislation which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and against persons with disabilities. We also welcome the repeal of legislation that had provided for the use of corporal punishment against child offenders, and encourage Tuvalu to adopt the draft child welfare and protection bill, which will prohibit corporal punishment and the life imprisonment of children.

Ireland is concerned that cases of child offenders are dealt with in the general criminal justice system without the protections provided by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and that the minimum age of criminal responsibility is set at 10 years of age.

Ireland recommends that Tuvalu:

1. Accelerate efforts to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
2. Expedite the adoption of draft bills concerning children and ensure that steps are taken to harmonize the legislative framework with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We wish Tuvalu every success in this UPR cycle. Thank you.