

Statement of Ireland 45th session of the UPR Working Group

Review of Mauritius

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

Ireland acknowledges Mauritius' efforts to advance human rights domestically and welcomes the signing into law of the Children's Act, and the recent ruling by the Supreme Court decriminalising consensual same-sex relations.

Ireland is concerned at the persistence of sexual and gender-based violence in Mauritius and the prevalence of domestic violence and is also concerned about low rates of prosecution and conviction in cases of trafficking.

Ireland recommends Mauritius:

- 1. Repeal provisions in the constitution that are discriminatory against women.
- 2. Fully implement the National Strategy and Action Plan on the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence.
- 3. Strengthen the capacity of authorities to investigate and prosecute all cases of trafficking of children and bring perpetrators to justice.

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