



**Statement of Ireland**  
**45<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group**

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Review of Malaysia

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Ireland thanks Malaysia for its presentation today.

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

We welcome the removal of mandatory death sentencing and encourage the full abolition of capital punishment.

Ireland is concerned that the use of excessive force against people in custody remains common.

Ireland recommends Malaysia:

1. End the arbitrary arrest, detention, and refoulement of child refugees and their families.
2. Ensure refugees' access to suitable education and healthcare, and UNHCR access to immigration detention centres.
3. Repeal articles 377A-C in the Penal Code that criminalise same-sex relations in order to guarantee and protect the human rights of LGBTIQI+ persons.

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