



Statement of Ireland
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Review of Monaco

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

We commend Monaco's concerted efforts to advance human rights domestically, as reflected in the progress made since the last UPR cycle, including amendments to provisions on the criminalisation of sexual assault in December 2021 and the repeal of provisions discriminatory towards women in May 2022

Ireland regrets Monaco's lack of progress on decriminalising defamation, and we urge Monaco to comply with the right to freedom of opinion and expression as per article 19 of the ICCPR.

Ireland recommends Monaco:

1. Decriminalize defamation in accordance with international standards, and make it part of the Civil Code.
2. Recognise same-sex marriages legally contracted abroad and ensure equal status for all married couples.
3. Prohibit all corporal punishment of children in every setting of their lives and repeal any legal defence allowing its use as a matter of priority.

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