



Statement of Ireland
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Review of Belize

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

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

Ireland welcomes the increase in the number of investigations and arrests in cases of sexual and gender based violence in Belize. However, we remain concerned at reports of the persistence of sexual and gender-based violence, including domestic violence and rape in the country.

Ireland also notes high levels of government spending on education, but remains concerned at obstacles to access quality education for indigenous peoples.

Ireland recommends Belize:

1. Strengthen measures to address Sexual and Gender Based Violence, including by increasing national capacity and resources to investigate all incidents and support victims of Sexual and Gender Based Violence.
2. Enshrine in the legal framework a comprehensive right to education for all, and commit adequate resources to the training of teachers in rural areas,

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