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Statement of Ireland
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Thank you, Mr. President.

Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Nigeria and thanks it for its presentation today

Ireland welcomes Nigeria's passing of the *Violence Against Persons Prohibition* Bill which includes a ban on female genital mutilation. We encourage Nigeria to ensure that the VAPP Act is applicable in all 36 states.

Ireland remains deeply concerned by reports of human rights abuses committed by state and non-state actors in the North East. We recommend that Nigeria implement safeguards against human rights violations by the security forces and ensure that the perpetrators of violence, both state and non-state actors, are brought to justice.

Ireland is also concerned by legislation introduced in Nigeria that restricts freedom of association and assembly. We recommend that Nigeria ensure that the fundamental right to freedom of association and peaceful assembly is respected and protected for all Nigerians without distinction of any kind.

We wish Nigeria every success in this UPR cycle.

Thank you