



Statement of Ireland

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Panel discussion on the tenth anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and welcomes this panel discussion on the tenth anniversary of the UN Guiding Principles.

Ireland commends the UN Working Group for its excellent work over the last decade, elaborating and providing practical guidance on the UNGPs, broadening the policy discussion into related areas, and providing an important annual Forum, which has been hugely successful in bringing stakeholders together, thereby maintaining momentum on implementation.

Ireland is pleased to reaffirm our commitment to the UN Guiding Principles and to commit to the goal of realising their effective implementation over the coming decade.

Through the development and implementation of our first National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights, we have learned many valuable lessons. These include, the need to prioritise the provision of practical advice and assistance for businesses in the form of toolkits as well as related training. Furthermore, at state level, we would highlight the challenging but important task of achieving policy coherence across government. And finally, we would highlight the importance of peer-learning and sharing best practice through events such as the annual UN Forum.

We look forward to the publication of the Working Group's roadmap later in the year.

Thank you.