



## **Statement of Ireland**

### **50th session of the Human Rights Council**

#### **Interactive Dialogue with the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity: The realisation of the right to health in relation to Sustainable Development Goal No. 3**

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Mr. President, *[Mr/Madame Vice-President,]*

Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the Independent Expert for his report.

We reaffirm our strong support for the mandate, and encourage all States to support its renewal. We thank Mr. Madrigal-Borloz and his predecessor for the valuable work to address these issues.

Ireland remains extremely concerned by discriminatory laws and practices globally, including the criminalisation of same-sex intimacy and gender identity, which, as you note, violate human rights and lead to detrimental health impacts.

Ireland will continue to work with stakeholders, including civil society and human rights defenders to overcome historical and ongoing discrimination and violence on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. Domestically, we are currently developing legislation to prohibit so-called “conversion therapy” practices aimed at transgender people as well as gay, lesbian and bisexual people.

Ireland welcomes your focus on the right to health and consideration of this important issue through the prism of the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG3. Ireland is currently developing a new national implementation plan for the Sustainable Development Goals and will give consideration to your findings and recommendations in its development. We look forward to continued engagement with your mandate in addressing violence and discrimination against LGBTI+ persons.

Mr. Madrigal-Borloz, can you elaborate on examples of best practice that you identified in your research and priorities for the future of your mandate?

Thank you.