



**Statement of Ireland**

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*Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on human rights in the context of  
climate change, Dr. Ian Fry.*

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Mr Special Rapporteur,

Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU.

We warmly welcome this report, which paints a stark picture of how climate change is negatively impacting the enjoyment of human rights.

Ireland recognises the urgent need to make progress on averting, minimising and addressing the loss and damage caused by climate change. The scale of effort and funding required is immense, but we are committed to play our part in protecting the rights of those most vulnerable to climate change. The protection of the human rights of all people is a key priority for Ireland.

Ireland has taken a number of steps towards achievement of a just transition with strong legislative and governance frameworks now in place, and relevant targets in our annually updated Climate Action Plan. We look forward to engaging with you further.

*Special Rapporteur,*

*In your report you describe the ‘participation disconnect’ which currently prevents those most impacted by climate change from participating meaningfully in decision-making processes. How can States work better to ensure the participation of groups in vulnerable situations at all levels, and are there examples of good State practice that others can build on?*

*Could you also please elaborate on your recommendation to establish a process to revise and improve the Gender Action Plan, for agreement at the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change?*

Thank you.