



Statement of Ireland
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Review of Cuba

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Ireland welcomes the Cuban delegation and acknowledges progress made since the last UPR, including the adoption of the Family Code in 2022, which bolstered equality and LGBTQI+ rights. We also welcome the upcoming visit of the EU Special Representative for Human Rights.

Ireland is concerned by the detention of civilians for exercising freedoms of peaceful assembly, association, opinion and expression, and by provisions in the new Penal Code that may further limit these freedoms.

Ireland recommends:

1. Release those detained for exercising their freedoms of peaceful assembly and expression.
2. Amend provisions of the Penal Code that criminalise defamation and limit freedom of opinion and expression online and offline.
3. Repeal Article 176 of the Cuban Penal Code.

We wish Cuba success in this UPR cycle.