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**Review of Luxembourg**

**Statement of Ireland**

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Thank you, Mr. (Vice) President

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

We acknowledge Luxembourg's efforts to advance human rights domestically and commend Luxembourg on actions taken since its last UPR in 2013 to strengthen the protection and promotion of human rights and on implementation of recommendations made at that time.

We further commend the fact that in 2015 Luxembourg approved the establishment of an Inter-ministerial Human Rights Committee to foster inter-agency cooperation and coordination in the field of human rights and in particular its focus on overseeing that action is taken in fulfilment of Luxembourg's human rights' obligations.

Ireland welcomes Luxembourg's progress since its 2013 review with respect to equality between men and women. We commend Luxembourg's updated National Action Plan for Equality between Women and Men for the period 2015-2018. We also welcome Luxembourg's December 2016 law characterising wage inequalities as an offence.

With regard to equality of treatment, Ireland **recommends** bringing the list of grounds of discrimination and the scope of anti-discrimination legislation into line with those of Article 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights and Article 1 of its Protocol No 12.

Ireland notes that female genital mutilation is not specifically criminalised in the Criminal Code of Luxembourg. We therefore **recommend** that Luxembourg proceed with proposed legislative reforms to introduce the specific criminal offence of female genital mutilation to the Criminal Code.

We wish Luxembourg every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you