



**Statement of Ireland**

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**Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the right to education, Ms.  
Koumbou BOLDY BARRY**

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Thank you Chair,

My name is Diandra Ní Bhuachalla and I am honoured to be delivering Ireland's statement today as a UN Youth Delegate.

Ireland aligns itself with the statement of the European Union.

We thank the Special Rapporteur for her report, and welcome her comments on how the fulfilment of the right to education for migrants is interdependent with their enjoyment of various other fundamental human rights.

As part of Ireland's steadfast commitment, to human rights, we are committed to ensuring quality education for all, and this is evidenced in our domestic and foreign policies. Moreover, Ireland was honoured to take a very active role in the creation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, which explicitly emphasises the critical importance of quality education for all.

Ireland's school system is open to all children. We recently renewed our pledge to the Global Partnership for Education and expanded our Student Support Scheme for asylum seekers in

the international protection system. We are acutely conscious of the intersectionality of rights and needs, and acknowledge the Special Rapporteur's particular concerns as set out in the report in respect of international migrants most vulnerable to exclusion including women and girls, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQIA+ migrants.

In developing our policy responses and services in the field of international protection, we work in partnership with Civil Society, and we welcome the emphasis on stakeholder engagement in the Report.

*Special Rapporteur,*

*What are the key measures that States can take to ensure that vulnerable migrants' education are not disproportionately impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic?*

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