



## **Statement of Ireland**

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*Interactive Dialogue with Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities,*

*Gerard Quinn*

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Thank you Chair.

Ireland aligns with the statement of the European Union.

We are a strong supporter of the work of the Special Rapporteur and thank him for his important report on the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities in the context of military operations.

Ireland warmly welcomes the Special Rapporteur's ground-breaking series of consultations with the military and civil society. Human rights concerns must be included in work on peace and security, and such dialogue is key to addressing the invisibility of persons with disabilities along the peace continuum. Ireland knows the importance of meaningful civil society engagement for sustainable peace. We support the engagement of persons with disabilities and their representative organisations in the development of law and policy and through mechanisms such as the Disability Participation Consultation Network and the Disability Stakeholder Group

Ireland welcomes the SR's intersectional approach and particularly highlight his finding of the double vulnerability of women and girls with disabilities. We stress the importance of UN Security Council Resolution 2475, and support the SR's call for greater coherence between international humanitarian law and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

*Special Rapporteur,*

*Ireland welcomes your recommendations to adhere to principles of accessibility in the dissemination of international humanitarian law, and wonder if you could please elaborate further on possible innovative methods of promoting IHL through digital and other means?*

Thank you.