



## **Statement of Ireland**

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*Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Promotion and protecting of human rights while countering terrorism, Ms. Fionnuala Ní Aolain*

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Thank you, Chair

Ireland aligns with the statement of the European Union and thanks the Special Rapporteur for her report on this critical issue.

We commend your report for its timely analyses of the impact of counter-terrorism on peacemaking, peacebuilding, sustaining peace and conflict prevention and resolution. It provides useful scrutiny of counter terrorism frameworks at both national and regional level, while also highlighting the United Nation's unique role in addressing the challenges posed by the encroachment of counter-terrorism measures on peacebuilding and conflict prevention.

Supporting and sustaining peacebuilding efforts is a key element of Ireland's foreign policy. We have also consistently argued that measures to combat terrorism must comply with international law, including human rights law, humanitarian law and international refugee law. Your report emphasises the inextricable link between ending conflict and the protection of human rights, as enshrined in the UN Charter.

We encourage all States and UN entities to analyse the challenges outlined in your report and address the recommendations made.

Special Rapporteur,

Your report highlights the need to actively engage and support women in peace work, in line with the central tenant of the WPS agenda. *How can States and the United Nations best support the full, equal and meaningful participation of women in the creation and development of policy that is critical to building resilience and to countering terrorism?*