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Review of Chad
Statement of Ireland
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Thank you, Mr. (Vice) President.

Ireland welcomes the delegation from Chad and thanks it for its presentation today.

Ireland notes the positive steps taken since the last cycle to reform the National Human Rights Commission and we encourage the Government to ensure that the Commission meets the standards required by the Paris Principles.

Ireland regrets the decision to reinstate the death penalty in 2015 for people convicted of acts of terrorism. Ireland recommends that Chad take formal steps to abolish the death penalty, including by declaring an official moratorium on its use and by ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

We are deeply concerned by reports of the Government's efforts to restrict civil society space. Ireland recommends that Chad ensure civil society actors, human rights defenders and journalists are protected from threats and intimidation in line with international law and standards.

We wish Chad every success in this UPR cycle.