

32nd session of the Universal Periodic Review

Review of Yemen

Statement of Ireland

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Thank you, Mr. (Vice) President

Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Yemen.

We remain deeply concerned by the situation on the ground in Yemen, the humanitarian crisis, and the suffering of the Yemeni people. In particular, we are gravely disturbed by breaches of international humanitarian law and challenges to humanitarian access.

We are troubled by reports of harassment and detention of members of the Baha'i community in Yemen. Ireland strongly condemns all forms of persecution on the basis of religion or belief. Ireland fully supports work of the UN Special Envoy, Martin Griffiths. We welcome recent progress in the political talks, and we call on all parties to the conflict to engage with the UN-led process.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Government of Yemen:

1. To engage with the work of the Group of Eminent and Regional Experts appointed by the Human Rights Council, to monitor and report on the situation of human rights in Yemen; and
2. To take all steps necessary to ensure safe and unhindered humanitarian access to conflict-affected areas

We wish Yemen every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you