

## 30<sup>th</sup> session of the Universal Periodic Review

### Review of Canada

### Statement of Ireland

11 May 2018

Thank you Mr Vice President.

Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Canada and its commitment to the UPR.

Ireland welcomes action Canada has taken towards implementing the recommendations of the second periodic review. Ireland urges Canada to ratify all human rights instruments not yet ratified.

Ireland recognises that Canada is taking steps to redress historical injustices in relation to Canada's indigenous communities, and that further work is required to eliminate poverty, violence and discrimination, in particular against indigenous women and children. Ireland therefore **recommends** that Canada takes steps to ensure that all Canadian children have equal access to government services such as health, education and welfare, and addresses the disparities in access to these services for indigenous children in particular.

In addition, we would welcome a progress report on the National Enquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and ask what mechanisms Canada is putting in place to protect indigenous women and girls in foster care and in the child welfare system who are vulnerable to human trafficking?

Ireland welcomes Canada's commitment to end drinking water advisories in indigenous communities within five years. We **recommend** that Canada prohibits the environmentally detrimental development of resources on the territories of indigenous peoples without the free, prior and informed consent of those communities.

Ireland urges Canada to address the root social causes of an overrepresentation of indigenous peoples at all levels of the criminal justice system.

We wish Canada every success in this UPR cycle.

Thank you