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**Review of France**

**Statement of Ireland**

**15 January 2018**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Ireland thanks the delegation of France for the presentation of its national report.

We commend France's continued determination since its last UPR to strengthen the protection and promotion of human rights.

Ireland commends progress made with respect to violence against women. We welcome the ratification in 2014 of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence. We welcome in particular France's fifth inter-ministerial plan on this issue.

Ireland shares the view of CEDAW that the establishment in 2013 of the High Council for Gender Equality was particularly welcome. Building on this, we **recommend** that France further strengthen the implementation of gender equality policies at municipal and regional levels.

Ireland welcomes that in 2015, combating racism and anti-Semitism was declared a national priority in France and that measures are in place to protect individuals, including from the propagation of hatred online.

Ireland commends the adoption of the first national action plan to combat human trafficking. To further support these efforts, Ireland **recommends** that France consider enlarging the scope of its national plan to comprehensively address all forms of trafficking and exploitation.

We wish France every success in this UPR cycle,

Thank you