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Review of Cambodia

Statement of Ireland

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Thank you, Mr. President

Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Cambodia and thanks it for its presentation today. Ireland acknowledges Cambodia's efforts to advance human rights domestically and commends areas of progress made since the last UPR cycle, including work in preventing human trafficking, through the signing of the ASEAN Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Cambodian authorities:

1. That Cambodia adhere to international standards on the independence of institutions, notably the judiciary and the National Election Commission to ensure that electoral processes are free, fair and transparent.
2. To create conditions conducive to free political debate and competition with a view to rebuilding a democracy in which the media and civil society, including human rights defenders, can freely carry out their work without interference or hindrance, as recommended by Ireland in the previous cycle, and in particular to ensure that their work is not hindered by restrictions on the freedoms of assembly or expression, either online or offline.

We wish Cambodia every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.