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**Statement by Ireland on the adoption of the outcome of Bolivia's UPR**

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Ireland welcomes the delegation of the Plurinational State of Bolivia and congratulates it on reaching today's stage in the UPR process.

We express our appreciation of Bolivia's acceptance of both recommendations made by Ireland, one of which is among those considered by Bolivia to be already implemented or in the course of implementation. We look forward to hearing more about progress in the implementation of these and all accepted recommendations, and encourage Bolivia to submit a voluntary mid-term report on its implementation of accepted recommendations, as a large number of States, including Ireland, have done.

At the same time, we note with regret that Bolivia has not accepted a number of recommendations relating to the judicial process, on the grounds that it considers that they "are not up to date, and do not reflect the current situation". In this regard, we recall that the High Commissioner's report of 5 March 2014, on the activities of the OHCHR Office in Bolivia devoted considerable attention to what it termed a profound crisis in the administration of justice. In this context, Ireland urges Bolivia to ensure that all killings are the subject of impartial investigation, and to strengthen the rule of law, ensuring that no person or institution is above the law and that impunity for human rights violations is not tolerated.