

## Universal Periodic Review working group – 20<sup>th</sup> session

### Statement by Ireland on the review of Angola

30 October 2014

Ireland welcomes the delegation of Angola, as well as the positive efforts undertaken by Angola since its first UPR.

We note that child mortality rates in Angola remain alarmingly high. Ireland **recommends** that Angola take action at all levels to address the interlinked root causes of preventable mortality and morbidity of children under 5 and consider applying the “Technical guidance on the application of a human rights-based approach to the implementation of policies and programmes to reduce and eliminate preventable mortality and morbidity of children under 5 years of age”, A/HRC/27/31.

In 2010, Angola accepted Ireland’s recommendation to put in place and enforce measures to protect human rights defenders. However, we are concerned by reports of intimidation, harassment and arbitrary detention of human rights defenders, journalists and civil society actors, as well as undue restrictions on their activities. Ireland **recommends** that Angola create and maintain, in law and in practice, a safe and enabling environment, in which human rights defenders, journalists and civil society can operate free from hindrance and insecurity, in accordance with Human Rights Council Resolutions 22/6, 27/5 and 27/31.