

Universal Periodic Review – 20th Session

Statement by Ireland on the review of Bolivia

28 October 2014

Ireland welcomes the delegation of Bolivia and thanks it for its presentation.

Ireland welcomes the legislative measures enacted to strengthen access to justice but has serious concerns about high levels of impunity in Bolivia for historic and more recent human rights violations. To consolidate the positive steps taken, including recommendations accepted during the first UPR cycle, Ireland urges Bolivia to strengthen rule of law, ensuring that no person or institution is above the law and that impunity for human rights violations is not tolerated.

Ireland welcomes the attention paid to the profound crisis in administration of justice in the 2014 Annual Report on the OHCHR Office in Bolivia. With reference to that report, Ireland urges Bolivia to ensure that all killings are the subject of impartial investigation.

Ireland is concerned about the persistence of impunity for acts of violence and discrimination targeting women, indigenous and LGBTI persons as well as barriers to their access to justice.

Ireland **recommends** that Bolivia expeditiously and fully investigates and prosecutes acts of violence and discrimination targeting women, indigenous people and LGBTI persons and guarantees an effective remedy to victims and their families.

Ireland **recommends** that the Government of Bolivia thoroughly investigates the human rights violations committed between 1964 and 1982 to bring those responsible to justice and ensure full and effective reparation for victims.

Thank you