

## Universal Periodic Review 20

### UPR of Egypt

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#### Intervention by Ireland

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

Ireland welcomes the new Egyptian constitution adopted in January 2014 which contains many advancements in the protection of human rights and calls for Egypt to ensure that such rights are fully implemented.

Ireland is greatly concerned by judicial and detention policies in Egypt, including the use of capital punishment and mass trials, that threaten the rule of law and fall short of international standards on due process. Ireland **recommends** that Egypt ensure compliance with its international obligations on the right to a fair and timely trial based on clear charges and independent investigations, respecting the right of access and contact to lawyers and family.

Ireland **recommends** that Egypt retract the draft legislation on civil society organisations, which threatens their independence by enabling the government to dissolve them without a court order or refuse to license new organisations on grounds including “national unity”. Ireland is concerned by the reports of extensive sexual violence against women participating in demonstrations and urges Egypt to investigate and prosecute such violence.