

Universal Periodic Review – 20th Session
Statement by Ireland on the review of Slovenia
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Ireland welcomes the delegation of Slovenia and thanks it for its presentation.

Ireland commends Slovenia for its extension of a standing invitation to Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council and on progress since the first UPR cycle particularly measures on social protection, children, youth, family violence, Roma and human trafficking.

We welcome steps taken by Slovenia to address the situation of persons from the Former Yugoslav Republics who were “erased” from the Register of Permanent Residents in 1992 including the adoption of specific Acts intended to regulate their status and provide compensation.

However Ireland shares the concerns of Committee against Torture and the Committee on the Rights of the Child that the implementation of this legislation excluded a large number of people and this continues to have a profound effect on the enjoyment of their rights. Ireland recommends that Slovenia ensure the full enjoyment of the political, civil, economic and social rights of “erased” people, including health, social security, education and employment by regulating the status of the remaining “erased” persons and providing adequate reparation to those affected.

Ireland also notes that despite acceptance of a relevant recommendation in the first cycle, Slovenia is still examining the modalities of attaining A status for its Human Rights Ombudsman. Ireland recommends that Slovenia take further steps towards strengthening the mandate of the Human Rights Ombudsman in order to ensure full compliance with the Paris Principles.

Thank you