

24th session of the Universal Periodic Review
Statement by Ireland on the review of Singapore
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Ireland welcomes the delegation of Singapore and thanks it for its presentation.

We welcome positive steps since the first cycle, including ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, signature of CERD, and launch of Singapore's National Plan of Action on Trafficking in Persons.

However, Ireland notes with concern the resumption of executions in Singapore in 2014, although we acknowledge some subsequent positive measures to limit the application of the death penalty.

Ireland **recommends** that Singapore introduce further measures to restrict the use of the death penalty and consider re-establishment of the moratorium on executions as first steps towards eventual abolition..

Finally, we are concerned by reports of restrictions on the right to freedom of peaceful assembly in Singapore. Ireland **recommends** that relevant laws including the Public Order Act and the Public Entertainment and Meeting Act are not invoked to curtail the right to freedom of peaceful assembly, including that of civil society.