



**Statement of Ireland**  
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Item 2: General Debate on the High Commissioner's oral update

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the European Union and adds the following.

Mr (Vice) President,

We add our voice to those who have already thanked and commended the High Commissioner for her address to the Council yesterday.

We take this opportunity to re-state our unequivocal support for the High Commissioner personally, and for the independence of the Office that she leads.

As was noted yesterday, as a global community, we face many challenges that risk undermining the protection and promotion of human rights.

We agree wholeheartedly with the High Commissioner that our response to these challenges must be through “principled, multilateral action”.

Faith in the power of effective multilateralism drove us to negotiate and adopt the 2030 Agenda. That successful outcome demonstrated both the impact and the grand potential of multilateral engagement, and of our United Nations system.

Delivering on the 2030 Agenda, underpinned by human rights for all, will require the same level of commitment to multilateralism and the rules-based system.

For this reason, we strongly endorse the call made by the High Commissioner yesterday for States to support the work of all UN human rights bodies, including this Human Rights Council, its Treaty Bodies and the Special Procedures.

Protecting the multilateral system, benefits us individually and collectively, and provides the framework through which we can work towards a world based on “hope and dignity” for all.

Thank You