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Interactive dialogue with the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, Mr. Victor Madrigal-Borloz

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the European Union and thanks the Independent Expert for his presentation today.

Ireland greatly values and respects the work of the Independent Expert and we reaffirm our full support for his mandate and our commitment to advocating for the rights of LGBTI+ people.

We welcome the timely focus of the Independent Expert on gender theory. We agree with the Independent Expert when he states that it is a fundamental duty of the State to prevent and prosecute violence and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

Mr. Madrigal-Borloz,

Ireland's first LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy, launched in 2019, is rooted in a commitment to ensure that LGBTI+ people are visible and included, treated equally, benefit equally from health services and feel safe and supported. As we continue our work in this area, we take note of the recommendations you make in your report, particularly on the use of an intersectional and gender-mainstreaming approach. We continue to work across Government and with civil society partners to achieve the aims of the strategy.

Question

In light of the findings of your report, what advice do you have for States to better incorporate gender theory into the development of policy and legislation?

Thank you.