



Statement of Ireland

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Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the protection and promotion of human rights in the context of climate change

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Mr. President,

Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and warmly welcomes the Special Rapporteur on his first presentation to the Human Rights Council.

Mr Fry, we welcome your proposed programme of work. The areas of focus outlined will add significantly to the international community's understanding of human rights in the context of climate change and will help ensure human rights are promoted and respected in measures to address climate change.

The protection of the rights of all people and particularly those most vulnerable to and most impacted by climate change is a fundamental priority for Ireland. The voices of those at the frontlines of the crisis must be central in the global response to climate change. We welcome the Special Rapporteur's commitments in that regard.

As we take steps to address climate change Ireland is committed to achieving a just transition. This goal is a core principle of our national climate legislation and our annually updated National Climate Action Plan. We look forward to engaging with future reports and presentation of the Special Rapporteur on this priority area.

Special Rapporteur, regrettably we have witnessed the nexus between climate change and conflict, how can the international community protect human rights in this context?

Thank you.