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Review of Suriname

Statement of Ireland

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Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Suriname and thanks it for its presentation today.

Ireland acknowledges Suriname's efforts to advance human rights domestically and commends progress made since the last UPR cycle, including the ongoing steps to reflect the 2015 removal of the death penalty from the Penal Code also in the Military Penal Code.

It is important that concrete steps are taken to promote and protect the rights of indigenous peoples, including the right to an adequate standard of living. We encourage Suriname to engage with its indigenous peoples, particularly in the areas of land rights, culture, and access to healthcare. We also encourage Suriname to take steps to improve the protection and promotion of the rights of the child.

Therefore, Ireland makes the following recommendations to the authorities of Suriname:

1. Ensure full and swift implementation of the various judgements made by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights regarding the land rights of indigenous peoples in Suriname.
2. Amend legislation to explicitly prohibit corporal punishment in all settings, including in the family, daycare and afterschool care facilities, schools, alternative care settings, and residential care.

We wish Suriname every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.