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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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Thank you Chair.

Ireland thanks the Independent Expert for his important report.

The promotion and protection of the rights of LGBTQI+ persons is a key priority for Ireland and we are a strong supporter of the mandate of the Independent Expert.

We are deeply concerned by the disproportionate levels of violence and systematic discrimination against LGBTQI+ persons, which is exacerbated in times of conflict. This includes homophobic and transphobic nationalist propaganda and the marginalisation or exclusion of trans and gender-diverse people from emergency response services and processes.

Ireland strongly supports the IE's call for gender-based and intersectional approaches to peace and security and thank him for citing the Good Friday Agreement, the first international peace agreement to contain a reference to sexual orientation discrimination, as an example of good practice.

We also strongly endorse the IE's call for a safe and enabling environment for civil society organisations, recognising that many activists and human rights defenders are targeted on the basis of both their gender and/or sexual identity and their role as social leaders.

Independent Expert,

Thank you for your important recommendations ensuring that the international agenda on peace and security addresses the situation of LGBT and gender-diverse persons. What concrete actions would you like to see States taking in this regard?