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Review of the Comoros

Statement of Ireland

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Thank you, Mr. President

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

Ireland acknowledges efforts by the Comoros to advance human rights domestically and commends progress made since the last UPR cycle.

We particularly welcome accession to the Convention Against Torture in 2017. We also welcome the appointment of new members of the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms in September 2018 and urge the Government to ensure the Commission enjoys the budgetary resources and operational independence necessary to discharge its mandate in full compliance with the Paris Principles.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Comorian authorities:

1. Continue to strengthen the legal framework for the promotion and protection of human rights by ratifying ICESCR and the ICCPR.
2. Amend the revised Criminal Code to formally abolish the death penalty for all crimes, and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

We wish the Comoros every success with this UPR cycle

Thank you.