

**32<sup>nd</sup> session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Dominican Republic**

**Statement of Ireland**

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Thank you, Mr. (Vice) President.

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

Ireland acknowledges Dominican Republic's efforts to advance human rights domestically since the last UPR cycle, including ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

We also commend the recent adoption of its first National Plan on Human Rights.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to Dominican Republic:

1. Restore the Dominican nationality of all persons affected by Constitutional Court ruling 168/13, and adopt all necessary legal and practical measures to prevent and reduce cases of statelessness, including by considering accession to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.
2. Expedite adoption of the draft Bill on violence against women along with a national plan of action to prevent and combat violence against women; and strengthen capacity of the Ministry for Women, as coordinating body, to allow for their full implementation.

We wish Dominican Republic every success in this UPR cycle.

Thank you.