

## 2RP: Responses to Recommendations & Voluntary Pledges

# IRELAND

## Second Review Session 25

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### Ireland's responses to recommendations (as of 23.09.2016):

In the Report of the Working Group:	In the Addendum:	During the plenary:	Summary:
Accepted: 152 Noted: 13 Pending: 97 Total: 262	Out of the 97 pending recs, 24 were accepted, 28 were noted, and 45 were "partially accepted" (6 recs-> accepted, 27->noted, 12->split) <sup>1</sup>	The HRC Vice President stated that out of 261 recs, 176 enjoyed the support of the State, 74 are noted and additional clarification has been provided on 12 recs	Accepted: 194 Noted: 80 Total: 274

*Paragraph headers are as in the Report of the Working Group, but the nature of responses to recommendations may have subsequently been changed.*

### List of recommendations contained in Section II of the Report of the Working Group A/HRC/25/14:

<sup>1</sup> The following were recs were "partially accepted" and considered accepted: 136.7, 136.45, 136.46, 136.49, 136.51 and 136.54. The following were recs were "partially accepted" and considered noted: 136.1, 136.13, 136.14, 136.20, 136.23, 136.24, 136.35, 136.44, 136.47, 136.50, 136.53, 136.59, 136.60, 136.61, 136.74, 136.76, 136.80, 136.81, 136.82, 136.84, 136.85, 136.86, 136.89, 136.90, 136.91, 136.92 and 136.93. The following recs were "partially accepted" and as the parts accepted and noted were clearly identified, the recommendations were split into two recommendations, one accepted and one noted: 136.2, 136.3, 136.4, 136.5, 136.6, 136.8, 136.9, 136.10, 136.12, 136.22, 136.29 and 136.48. The total number of recommendations is now 273.



**135. The recommendations formulated during the interactive dialogue have been examined by Ireland and enjoy the support of Ireland:**

- A - 135.1 Ensure the ratification of the recently signed human rights conventions (Romania);
- A - 135.2 Accede to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Sierra Leone);
- A - 135.3 Expedite the process that will lead to the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, as well as the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Mozambique);
- A - 135.4 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Iran (Islamic Republic of));
- A - 135.5 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (Georgia);
- A - 135.6 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Spain);
- A - 135.7 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Portugal);
- A - 135.8 Intensify efforts to ratify Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture to further foster the rights of liberty-deprived persons (Croatia);
- A - 135.9 Take action towards the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and set up a national prevention mechanism (Bosnia and Herzegovina);
- A - 135.10 Accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and establish a national preventive mechanism meeting the guidelines and requirements as set out in this instrument (Netherlands);
- A - 135.11 Establish a national preventive mechanism and prompt ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Hungary);
- A - 135.12 Without further delay, ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and initiate the process of establishing a National Preventive Mechanism (Denmark);
- A - 135.13 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and establish a national preventive mechanism under the Optional Protocol (Bulgaria);
- A - 135.14 Complete as a matter of priority and before its third universal periodic review the process leading to the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and establish a national preventive mechanism under without delay (Czech Republic);
- A - 135.15 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and set up a national prevention mechanism in the framework of the criteria and safeguards provided by this instrument, as previously recommended (Switzerland);

- A - 135.16 Conclude swiftly the process of the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against (Portugal);
- A - 135.17 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Poland);
- A - 135.18 Ratify the Optional Protocol [OP-CAT] (Lebanon);
- A - 135.19 Ratify the Optional Protocol [OP-CAT] (Norway);
- A - 135.20 Ratify the Optional Protocol [OP-CAT] (Ukraine);
- A - 135.21 Ratify the Optional Protocol [OP-CAT] (Uruguay);
- A - 135.22 Ratify the Optional Protocol [OP-CAT] (France);
- A - 135.23 Ratify the Optional Protocol [OP-CAT] (Germany);
- A - 135.24 Ratify the Optional Protocol [OP-CAT] (Guatemala);
- A - 135.25 Proceed with the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Togo);
- A - 135.26 Accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (Panama);
- A - 135.27 Ratify the Optional Protocol [OP-CRC-SC] (Senegal);
- A - 135.28 Ratify the Optional Protocol [OP-CRC-SC] (Uruguay);
- A - 135.29 Ratify the Optional Protocol [OP-CRC-SC] (Andorra);
- A - 135.30 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography signed in 2000 (Czech Republic);
- A - 135.31 Ratify the Optional Protocol [OP-CRC-SC] (Finland);
- A - 135.32 Ratify the Optional Protocol [OP-CRC-SC] (France);
- A - 135.33 Ratify the Optional Protocol [OP-CRC-SC] (Guatemala);
- A - 135.34 Proceed with the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (Togo);
- A - 135.35 Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Morocco);
- A - 135.36 Become a State party to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Slovakia);
- A - 135.37 Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (France);
- A - 135.38 Ratify the International Convention [ICPPED] (Ghana);



- A - 135.39 Proceed with the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Togo);
- A - 135.40 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Pakistan);
- A - 135.41 Ratify the Convention [CRPD] (Israel);
- A - 135.42 Ratify the Convention [CRPD] (Montenegro);
- A - 135.43 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which Ireland signed on 29 March 2007 (New Zealand);
- A - 135.44 Ratify the Convention [CRPD] (Ghana);
- A - 135.45 Ratify the Convention [CRPD] (Poland);
- A - 135.46 Ratify the Convention [CRPD] (Sudan);
- A - 135.47 Ratify the Convention [CRPD] (Ukraine);
- A - 135.48 Ratify the Convention [CRPD] (Uruguay);
- A - 135.49 Ratify the Convention [CRPD] (Bulgaria);
- A - 135.50 Ratify the Convention [CRPD] (France);
- A - 135.51 Ratify the Convention [CRPD] (Guatemala);
- A - 135.52 Ratify the Convention [CRPD] (Italy);
- A - 135.53 Ratify the Convention [CRPD] (Brazil);
- A - 135.54 Become a State party of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Slovakia);
- A - 135.55 Step up its efforts to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Republic of Korea);
- A - 135.56 Ratify promptly the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Australia);
- A - 135.57 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as soon as possible (China);
- A - 135.58 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities without further delay (Germany);
- A - 135.59 Pass the necessary legislation as soon as possible to enable the ratification of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Hungary);
- A - 135.60 Accelerate the process towards ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Philippines);



A - 135.61 Take concrete steps to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and effectively implement policies and programmes to ensure the full enjoyment of all related rights (Canada);

A - 135.62 Continue the efforts to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Iraq);

A - 135.63 Finalise the consideration to become a party to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Malaysia);

A - 135.64 Continue making progress towards the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of));

A - 135.65 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and prioritize measures to further strengthen the existing framework, including to increase the meaningful participation of the persons with disabilities in policy making (Indonesia);

A - 135.66 Accede to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities while bringing the Mental Health Act of 2001 into line with the provisions of this Convention (Qatar);

A - 135.67 Continue to address outstanding barriers to ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, including legislative changes that need to be undertaken in view of enabling ratification (State of Palestine);

A - 135.68 Expedite the necessary legislative reforms and set a concrete timeline towards ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Thailand);

A - 135.69 Proceed with the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol (Togo);

A - 135.70 Accelerate the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to strengthen the protection of persons with disabilities, and to further improve their role in the society (Croatia);

A - 135.71 Ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Portugal);

A - 135.72 Ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Andorra);

A - 135.73 Ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Italy);

A - 135.74 Finalize the ratification process of the Council of Europe's Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Turkey);

A - 135.75 Ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence in a timely manner (Bosnia and Herzegovina);

A - 135.76 Strengthen human rights education plans oriented towards women's rights, rights of the child and freedom of religion (Panama);

- A - 135.77 Continue implementing human rights education towards children and women's rights (Timor-Leste);
- A - 135.78 Further continue the implementation of human rights education towards women and children's rights (Greece);
- A - 135.79 Provide effective human rights education and training for enforcement officials, including prison guards, and take appropriate actions against human rights violations committed by public actors (Malaysia);
- A - 135.80 Continue human rights education programmes, including in relation to the prevention of genocide and crimes against humanity through the studies of those crimes committed in the past (Armenia);
- A - 135.81 Implement public awareness campaigns to promote tolerance and respect for cultural diversity (United Arab Emirates);
- A - 135.82 Submit its two overdue reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Sierra Leone);
- A - 135.83 Amend the provisions of the Law on the Ombudsman for Children, that impedes the Ombudsman from investigating the claims of children that find themselves in a situation of irregular migration (Honduras);
- A - 135.84 Provide the Child and Family Agency with adequate resources to be able to meet its targets and effectively implement the Children First Act (Slovakia);
- A - 135.85 Continue implementing the National Strategy on Children and Young People's participation in Decision-making 2015-2020 (Sudan);
- A - 135.86 Put an end to corporal punishment in all settings (Honduras);
- A - 135.87 Guarantee the closure of the Saint Patrick's Institution and the effective implementation of the Children (Amendment) Act of 2015 and the Prisons Act of 2015 (Israel);
- A - 135.88 Eliminate all exceptions permitting the marriage of minors under 18 (Honduras);
- A - 135.89 Remove all exceptions that allow marriage under the age of 18 years (Egypt);
- A - 135.90 Ensure that the rights of the child are fully respected in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, in particular its Article 20 when deciding on appointment of a guardian or trustee (Latvia);
- A - 135.91 Continue to take actions to address the issue of gender pay gap, improve the access to decent work for marginalized women, and ensure adequate social protection system for women in vulnerable situations (Malaysia);
- A - 135.92 Continue to make efforts to ensure women's participation in political life and in decision making (Pakistan);
- A - 135.93 Adopt effective measures to increase the representation of women in the public and private sectors, especially in decision-making posts (Panama);

- A - 135.94 Scale up effective measures to further increase women's representation and their meaningful participation in decision-making level in the public and private sectors (Indonesia);
- A - 135.95 Take all measures to effectively combat all forms of violence and discrimination against women (France);
- A - 135.96 Strengthen measures to combat domestic and sexual violence against women (India);
- A - 135.97 Strengthen efforts to combat and prevent domestic and sexual violence against women (Azerbaijan);
- A - 135.98 Undertake the necessary steps to strengthen its response to domestic violence as recommended by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Thailand);
- A - 135.99 Speed up the process of approval of the new Domestic Violence Bill (Israel);
- A - 135.100 Continue efforts to finalize and then, of course, adopt a Domestic Violence Act (Maldives);
- A - 135.101 Introduce a domestic violence bill to address domestic and sexual violence against women (Ghana);
- A - 135.102 Adopt and implement the Domestic Violence Bill (Republic of Moldova);
- A - 135.103 Renew the national plan of action against racism or elaborate a new one, always in collaboration with civil society (Spain);
- A - 135.104 Reinforce the policies for the protection against racism, renewing the National Action Plan against Racism (2005-2008) (Holy See);
- A - 135.105 Conduct more active policy against racial discrimination, including putting in place a robust mechanism against racism (Kyrgyzstan);
- A - 135.106 Put in place a robust mechanism in order to put an end to racism, racial discrimination and related intolerance, especially against Muslim people and people of African origin (Iran (Islamic Republic of));
- A - 135.107 Establish a robust mechanism to monitor all incidents of racism and implement measures to combat them more effectively (Cuba);
- A - 135.108 Continue to deepen awareness-raising measures against racism and xenophobia, particularly with regard to migrants and refugees (Argentina);
- A - 135.109 Combat racism and all forms of discrimination through education and awareness-raising initiatives and follow-up to cases of racism at the national level (Bolivia (Plurinational State of));
- A - 135.110 Complete the processes it is undertaking regarding anti-racism (Kenya);
- A - 135.111 Pursue efforts to combat racism (Morocco);
- A - 135.112 Continue its efforts to combat racism and xenophobia incidents (Lebanon);

- A - 135.113 Ensure the full implementation of its national legislation, with a view to combating racism and xenophobia (Romania);
- A - 135.114 Have further legal procedures to combat racial discrimination and develop a plan to combat racism, as recommended by the Committee on the Rights of the Child (Bahrain);
- A - 135.115 Combat hate speech and prosecute perpetrators of xenophobic acts (Pakistan);
- A - 135.116 Ensure accountability for hate crimes (Israel);
- A - 135.117 Take measures to eliminate racial discrimination and combat hate crime (China);
- A - 135.118 Strengthen measures to counter the use of racial discrimination and Islamophobia discourse in politics and in the media (United Arab Emirates);
- A - 135.119 Take further steps to address discrimination of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons in access to goods, employment and services, including healthcare (Denmark);
- A - 135.120 Investigate all cases of abuse of office by the officials of the penitentiary institutions (Russian Federation);
- A - 135.121 Continue with its efforts to bring incarceration facilities into line with international standards, especially regarding overcrowding, cell sanitation and the separation of young prisoners (Holy See);
- A - 135.122 Improve prison conditions, including addressing overcrowding; investigate all cases of torture and ill-treatment by prison staff in an impartial manner and prosecute those responsible (Azerbaijan);
- A - 135.123 Continue to improve the living conditions and the treatment of detainees and address prison overcrowding (China);
- A - 135.124 Adopt the necessary measures to ensure the reduction of overcrowding and the improvement of prison conditions (Cuba);
- A - 135.125 Ensure complete separation of remand and sentenced prisoners, juvenile and adult prisoners and detained immigrants (Egypt);
- A - 135.126 Continue its efforts, at national and international levels, towards the protection and promotion of the civil society space (Armenia);
- A - 135.127 Continue to promote pluralism (Bangladesh);
- A - 135.128 Continue to take effective measures to safeguard the rights and status of the unemployed and vulnerable groups, through focused social assistance and income support (Sri Lanka);
- A - 135.129 Conduct targeted/focused policy of social support to the population in need, especially children (Belarus);
- A - 135.130 Take the necessary steps in order to increase the availability of social housing and emergency housing support and to adopt appropriate measures to solve the long-term needs (Turkey);

- A - 135.131 Adopt measures to decrease the number of homeless persons, including through the availability of social housing (Portugal);
- A - 135.132 Take all necessary legislative and policy measures to provide access to affordable housing with a view to ending long-term involuntary homelessness (Singapore);
- A - 135.133 Continue with its efforts to guarantee the Government's commitment to a housing-led approach to end long-term involuntary homelessness (Holy See);
- A - 135.134 Continue with efforts to implement necessary measures with a view to end long-term involuntary homelessness (Montenegro);
- A - 135.135 Take measures to strengthen support institutions for homeless persons, including pregnant women left without housing (Russian Federation);
- A - 135.136 Conduct consultations involving all stakeholders, including civil society organisations, in order to examine whether Article 40.3.3 of the Constitution could be revised and the legal framework related to abortion broadened (Switzerland);
- A - 135.137 Make sure all women and young girls have easy access to information on crisis pregnancy options by health-providers (Sweden);
- A - 135.138 Wider availability of multi-denominational and non-denominational schools to better cater to the multi-cultural society in Ireland today (India);
- A - 135.139 Establish a system providing children and their parents the real opportunity to choose from among religious, multi-denominational or non-denominational types of schooling and curricula (Czech Republic);
- A - 135.140 Ensure that all children have the option to attend a non-denominational school at no extra cost (Slovenia);
- A - 135.141 Step up efforts to promote to ensure equal opportunities for all children to quality education (Philippines);
- A - 135.142 Step up efforts towards a more inclusive education system, especially by focusing on special education needs (Turkey);
- A - 135.143 Continue to improve employment opportunities and remove barriers to employment for persons with disabilities (Singapore);
- A - 135.144 Continue to strengthen the basic rights and non-discrimination of the Roma and Travellers (Chile);
- A - 135.145 Adopt a progressive Traveller Roma inclusion strategy with clear goals; indicators; timeframes; and budget in consultation with affected groups (India);
- A - 135.146 Activate the policies of integration of Travellers and Roma in all social, economic, cultural, political, educational and other spheres (Lebanon);
- A - 135.147 Give special emphasis to employment, access to health care and the right to housing in the application of the national strategy on the inclusion of Travellers and Roma (Spain);

A - 135.148 Apply international standards relating to the treatment of refugees and asylum seekers, provide them with adequate services and speed up the processing of their application (Qatar);

A - 135.149 Establish measures to respond more effectively to requests for refuge (Plurinational State of Bolivia);

A - 135.150 Continue its efforts to adopt the National Action Plan to Prevent and Combat Human Trafficking (Sudan);

A - 135.151 Speed up the adoption of a national plan of action to prevent and combat trafficking in persons (Belarus);

A - 135.152 Continue to increase development aid to reach the target of 0.7% GDP as this will increase the ability of aid recipients to achieve the right to development and protect and promote human rights (Kenya).

**136. The following recommendations will be examined by Ireland which will provide responses in due time, but no later than the thirty-third session of the Human Rights Council in September 2016:**

N - 136.1 Consider ratifying those international human rights instruments to which it is not yet a party (Plurinational State of Bolivia);

136.2

A - Accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and

N - the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the Convention against Discrimination in Education (Honduras);

136.3

A - Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as a matter of priority and

N - the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Egypt);

136.4

A - Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture

N - and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Azerbaijan);

136.5

A - Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and

N - the ILO Convention 169 (Paraguay);

136.6

N - Accede to the main international human rights instruments to which the country is not yet a party, in particular

A - the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Argentina);

A - 136.7 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and accept the competence of the Committee as regards the inquiry procedure and inter-State communications (Finland);

136.8

A - Further accelerate the efforts to strengthen the legal framework to protect the rights of migrants, N - including by considering to ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Indonesia);

136.9

A - Ratify as soon as possible the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, N - without any reservation (Sweden);

136.10

A - Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and N - fully implement the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 as soon as possible (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

N - 136.11 Repeal Articles 42.1 and 40.3.3 of the Constitution (Slovenia);

136.12

A - Take additional measures aimed at achieving the gender equality, N - including amendment to the Constitution on the role and status of women in Irish society (Kyrgyzstan);

N - 136.13 Amend article 41(2) of the Constitution on the role and status of women in order to render its provisions gender-equal (Turkey);

N - 136.14 Amend article 41(2) of the Constitution on the role and status of women by moving to a more gender-neutral wording of the article (Iceland);

N - 136.15 Further strengthen women's rights and review Articles 40 and 41 of the Irish constitution with a view to abandon formulations that potentially promote gender discrimination and to bring Ireland's laws on abortion into compliance with international human rights standards in law and in practice (Germany);

N - 136.16 Establish a Constitutional Convention on article 40.3.3 of the Constitution with the aim to remove all restrictive legislation on abortion (Netherlands);

N - 136.17 Revise its legislation on abortion, including its Constitution, to provide for additional exceptions in cases of rape, incest or serious risks to the health of the mother, building on the recommendation from the Human Rights Committee (Norway);

N - 136.18 Repeal legislation that criminalizes abortion and eliminate all punitive measures, in particular Article 40.3.3 of the Irish Constitution (Iceland);

N - 136.19 Take forward the democratic process of repealing the Eighth Amendment of the Irish Constitution with a clear timeline, and take all necessary steps to decriminalise abortion in all circumstances, in accordance with the recommendations of the Human Rights Committee, the

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Committee on the Rights of the Child (Denmark);

N - 136.20 Consider creating a dedicated overarching Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights and Equality (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

A - 136.21 Strengthen the consultation mechanism, especially in terms of economic, social and cultural rights (Poland);

#### 136.22

N - Adopt a National Human Rights Action Plan and

A - continue consultations towards this end with stakeholders (Kenya);

N - 136.23 Adopt a national plan of action on human rights (South Africa);

N - 136.24 Adopt a comprehensive national human rights action plan (Sudan);

N - 136.25 Encourage the development of a National Action Plan on human rights (Greece);

A - 136.26 Undertake measures to eliminate stigmatization and discrimination against children born out of wedlock by providing legal certainty in respect of their family name (Namibia);

N - 136.27 Reinstate the age of criminal responsibility of 14 years of age as prescribed in the Children's Act (Botswana);

N - 136.28 Raise the age of criminal responsibility to 18 years for all types of offenses (Haiti);

#### 136.29

A - Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and adopt a legislation on gender pay equity and

N - abolish religious discrimination in the schools (Saudi Arabia);

N - 136.30 Adopt a comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation that includes all grounds set out in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (India);

N - 136.31 Adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation that includes all the grounds for discrimination (Israel);

N - 136.32 Adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation that includes all the grounds for discrimination (South Africa);

A - 136.33 Close the gender pay gap (Algeria);

A - 136.34 Take effective measures to increase women's representation in decision-making positions and close the pay gap (Bangladesh);

A - 136.35 Take effective measures to increase women's representation in decision-making positions in all areas, close the gender pay gap and eliminate strong gender role stereotypes and ensure that all women workers benefit from the maternity benefits scheme (Namibia);

A - 136.36 Introduce a domestic violence bill, improve data collection on domestic violence and strengthen support services, including shelters and legal aid, for victims (Lithuania);

A - 136.37 Adopt the draft law on domestic and sexual violence against women, and strengthen support services in shelters and legal assistance to the victims (Uruguay);

A - 136.38 Finalise the adoption of the Domestic Violence Bill and ensure that perpetrators of domestic violence are held to account (Botswana);

A - 136.39 Provide shelters and legal aid to victims of domestic violence, and submit a draft law on domestic violence (Bahrain);

A - 136.40 Collect accurate statistics of cases of domestic violence against women, as well as strengthen support services to victims of domestic violence, including shelters and legal aid services (Russian Federation);

A - 136.41 Improve protection of victims of domestic violence, including by providing with shelter and legal aid (Republic of Moldova);

A - 136.42 Continue to strengthen policies and programmes to combat domestic and sexual violence against women, including a system of psychological, legal and physical support for the victims (Chile);

N - 136.43 Adopt immediately legislation that prohibits racial discrimination, as previously recommended (Mexico);

N - 136.44 Step up measures to combat acts of racism by the law enforcement bodies, including against Travellers (Russian Federation);

A - 136.45 Establish acts with racist motivation as a criminal offences (Spain);

A - 136.46 Take effective steps to address racism and xenophobia and incorporate the provisions of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination into its domestic legislation, to raise awareness and promote tolerance in society and to ensure that violent acts, discrimination and hate speech are systemically investigated and the alleged perpetrators prosecuted (Azerbaijan);

N - 136.47 Develop a legislation that sets the line between freedom of expression and hate speech and set up a strong mechanism to monitor all manifestations of intolerance, racism, xenophobia especially against Muslims (Saudi Arabia);

#### 136.48

A - Continue measures to protect the rights of migrant workers, including combatting racism, xenophobia and religious intolerance, and

N - as further gesture of its commitment, consider ratifying the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Sri Lanka);

A - 136.49 Continue legislating so that there is no discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons in the field of pensions (Spain);

N - 136.50 Implement the recommendations arising from the Office of the Inspector of Prisons' review of the Irish Prison Service (Australia);

A - 136.51 Conduct comprehensive investigation related to reports by human rights non-governmental organisations about abuses in child care institutions and homes for mothers and

children, as well as practices of forced labour in so-called 'Magdalene laundries' (Russian Federation);

N - 136.52 Provide protection of the family as the natural and fundamental unit of the society (Egypt);

N - 136.53 Repeal the constitutional and legislative provisions criminalizing the offense of blasphemy, these provisions could constitute an excessive limitation to the freedom of expression (France);

A - 136.54 Take necessary steps to amend its legislation on freedom of expression and remove prohibition of blasphemy in line with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights article 19 and Human Rights Committee's General Comment 34, and the Venice Commission's recommendation (Sweden);

A - 136.55 Continue consolidating and increasing its national social inclusion programmes (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);

A - 136.56 Implement and support the particular government programmes of social integration and community activation (Iraq);

A - 136.57 Continue strengthening its sound social policies in order to improve the quality of life of its people with an emphasis on vulnerable groups, in particular ethnic, racial and cultural minorities (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);

N - 136.58 Launch measures to promote and protect the rights of peasants and other people who work in rural areas (Plurinational State of Bolivia);

N - 136.59 Expedite the adoption of a national action plan on food security and nutrition (Algeria);

N - 136.60 Develop and strengthen financially the state-sponsored legal aid framework, so that lawyers avoid cases of evictions from social housing (Haiti);

N - 136.61 Strengthen the policies of supplementary payments of income and housing assistance, in order to avoid more families being unable to pay their mortgages (Chile);

A - 136.62 Set up an inclusive system for access to quality health care for all social categories, in particular disadvantaged and marginalized groups, in consultation with concerned communities and stakeholders (Haiti);

A - 136.63 Put into effect its undertaking of previous commitment to implement this year, in strengthening the free health care sector to include all children under the age of twelve (Libya);

N - 136.64 Ensure availability of safe abortions, at a minimum in cases where the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest and in cases of severe and fatal foetal impairment (Iceland);

N - 136.65 Take all necessary steps to revise the Protection of Life during Pregnancy Act 2013 in line with International Human Rights standards (India);

N - 136.66 Amend the Protection of Life During Pregnancy Act 2013 that the women interests and health are better protected, especially in instances where the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest, or in cases of severe foetal impairment (Lithuania);

N - 136.67 Consider revising its relevant legislation on abortion in line with international human rights standards on sexual and reproductive health and rights (Republic of Korea);

N - 136.68 Broaden through an inclusive public debate the access to abortion for pregnant women, in particular in cases of threat to health, rape and incest (Czech Republic);

N - 136.69 Take the necessary steps aimed at revising the relevant legislation with a view to decriminalize abortion within reasonable gestational limits (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia);

N - 136.70 Ensure the full right for women to abortion and implement the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights regarding this right (Slovakia);

N - 136.71. Take necessary steps to revise its legislation on abortion and provide for clear exceptions, in line with international human rights law and standards, so as to ensure the right to abortion in cases of rape and incest, as well as cases entailing serious risks to the health of the mother or fatal foetal abnormality (Sweden);

N - 136.72 Decriminalize abortion in all circumstances and, as a minimum, ensure access to safe abortion also in cases of rape, incest, serious risks to the health of the mother and fatal foetal abnormality (Slovenia);

N - 136.73 Review the law on abortion to expand the circumstances in which it can be carried out (Uruguay);

N - 136.74 Adopt a comprehensive sexual and reproductive health policy for adolescents and ensure that sexual and reproductive health education is a part of the mandatory school curricula and targeted at adolescents (Lithuania);

N - 136.75 Ensure that the new system of universal health care guarantees availability and access to services to boys and girls and contraception methods to adolescents, while allowing access to these services in general without discrimination on any grounds (Mexico);

N - 136.76 Adopt a comprehensive sexual and reproductive health policy for adolescents and ensure that sexual and reproductive health education is part of the mandatory school curriculum and targeted at adolescent girls and boys, with special attention on preventing early pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (New Zealand);

N - 136.77 Identify and address gaps in reproductive health legislation to ensure the protection of women's sexual and reproductive health and rights (United States of America);

N - 136.78 Take all necessary measures to ensure the full respect of sexual and reproductive rights (France);

N - 136.79 Protect and promote reproductive rights without any discrimination, recognising reproductive rights include the right to the highest attainable standard of sexual and reproductive health, the right of all to decide freely and responsibly the number, spacing and timing of their children, as well as decide on matters related to their sexuality, and to have the information and means to do so free from discrimination, violence or coercion (Canada);

N - 136.80 Review and amend laws, as appropriate, to ensure that publically-funded schools provide equal access to education for all, irrespective of one's faith or religious affiliation (United States of America);

N - 136.81 Undertake thorough consultations with persons with disabilities, representatives and labour organisations, and civil society prior to entering any reservation to article 27 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities upon ratification, with respect to reasonable accommodation (Canada);

N - 136.82 Achieve the implementation of the national strategy for persons with disabilities and introduce a legal regime of subsidized transport for persons with disabilities (Haiti);

A - 136.83 Conduct and finalize a timely review of the request for recognition of the Travellers as an ethnic group (United States of America);

N - 136.84 Take concrete measures for the issuance of medical cards in Traveller and Roma communities, to guarantee that such children enjoy the same access to and quality of health-care services as others (Iran (Islamic Republic of));

N - 136.85 Strengthen measures to eliminate discrimination against Roma and children on the basis of religion in health and education sectors (Bangladesh);

N - 136.86 Introduce measures to improve the living standards of Travellers in society and ensure the legislation in place does not hinder their nomadic customs and practices (Turkey);

A - 136.87 Continue giving the broadest possible scope, flexibility and coverage to its immigration policy (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);

A - 136.88 Ensure that the legislation that provides individual consideration of the status of refugee includes the provision of sufficient resources for its implementation in order to avoid delays in the effective determination of the requests for the concession of refugee status (Mexico);

N - 136.89 Improve the protection of refugees, migrants and asylum seekers and improve their living conditions and access to social security and guarantee other human rights (China);

N - 136.90 Ensure family reunification and the conditions of the reception of refugees and asylum-seekers, in the implementation of the Law on International Protection, are in accordance with international law (Guatemala);

N - 136.91 Accelerate the entry into force of the new programme for the protection of refugees and ensure that it guarantees the protection of the best interest of the child and fully complies with international standards regarding unaccompanied migrant children and family reunification (Mexico);

N - 136.92 Amend the General Scheme of the International Protection Bill to address family reunification, best interests of the child and the legal framework of reception conditions (Egypt);

N - 136.93 Address concerns about family reunification and the best interests of the child in its legislation on refugees (Brazil);

A - 136.94 Modify the administrative provisions on immigration to protect the victims of trafficking of persons and integrate the prevention of trafficking in persons into the policies for asylum seekers (Honduras);

A - 136.95 Continue efforts to pass legislation to combat human trafficking in the form of sham marriages (Latvia);

A - 136.96 Take steps to move towards increased renewable energy production, in-line with their pledges on Climate Action (Maldives);

A - 136.97 Ensure that its policies, legislation, regulations and enforcement measures effectively serve to prevent and address the heightened risk of business involvement in abuses in conflict situations, which includes situations of foreign occupation (State of Palestine).

**137. The recommendations below did not enjoy the support of Ireland and would thus be noted:**

N - 137.1 Withdraw its reservation on pertinent articles of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on armed conflict (South Africa);

N - 137.2 Accede to the International Convention on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Turkey);

N - 137.3 Accede to the Convention [ICRMW] (Chile);

N - 137.4 Consider ratifying the Convention [ICRMW] (Philippines);

N - 137.5 Ratify the Convention [ICRMW] (Morocco);

N - 137.6 Ratify the Convention [ICRMW] (Senegal);

N - 137.7 Ratify the Convention [ICRMW] (Timor-Leste);

N - 137.8 Ratify the Convention [ICRMW] (Algeria);

N - 137.9 Ratify the Convention [ICRMW] (Ghana);

N - 137.10 Ratify the Convention [ICRMW] (Guatemala);

N - 137.11 Avoid maintaining special criminal courts in its penal legislation (Paraguay);

N - 137.12 Study the possibility of mitigating the negative impact of budget cuts on access to health and an adequate standard of living (Paraguay);

N - 137.13 Consider establishing an adequate policy for a universal basic income for all its citizens (Haiti).

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