



**Statement of Ireland**  
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Item 3: Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons,  
especially women and children

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Madam President, *[Mr/Madam Vice-President,]*

Ireland aligns with the statement of the European Union.

Ireland thanks the Special Rapporteur for her report, and for her tireless work throughout the last six years.

Human trafficking is a crime and a human rights violation. As we approach the twentieth anniversary of the Palermo Protocol, we all need to redouble our efforts to eradicate human trafficking wherever and however it occurs.

We echo the Special Rapporteur's call for a human rights-based approach to combatting trafficking, one in which considerations related to the rights, vulnerabilities and needs of the person are a priority. We welcome her recognition of the role of civil society organisations, and the importance of States in working with organisations to this end.

Nationally, Ireland takes human trafficking very seriously and recognises that there is more to be done to tackle this crime. In consultation with civil society stakeholders Ireland has in recent years introduced legislation, and established a framework across government services to better combat human trafficking, and to provide support to victims. We are currently revising our arrangements for official identification and recognition of victims and for access to support services.

*Ms Giammarinaro, what advice to you have for states to increase cooperation with, and support for, civil society organisations providing support to victims of human trafficking?*

Thank you.

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