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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and welcomes the Special Rapporteur's report presented to the Council today. We encourage Iran to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur, including by facilitating a country visit.

Ireland remains deeply concerned about the persistent human rights violations in Iran, including of the rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly. Journalists, human rights defenders and media workers must be protected.

We call on Iran to immediately and unconditionally release all of those who are arbitrarily detained including political prisoners and prisoners of conscience.

Ireland strongly condemns Iran's continued use of the death penalty, including against child offenders. We reiterate our opposition to the death penalty in all circumstances, and call on Iran to enact a moratorium on executions.

Ireland remains concerned by reports of continued discrimination against ethnic and religious minorities, in particular those of the Baha'i faith.

We share the Special Rapporteur's concern that gender-based discrimination persists in law, and practice in Iran. How can the international community support Iran's reform of its law to strengthen equality for women and girls?