



Statement of Ireland
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Review of Mali

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Narrative

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

Ireland acknowledges the strengthening of the capacities of the National Human Rights Commission and calls for it to be sufficiently resourced in order to carry out all its mandates effectively.

Ireland remains deeply concerned by the deteriorating security and human rights situation in Mali, notably human rights violations and abuses committed by state and non-state actors, the increase in gender-based violence, shrinking of civil society space and constraints on freedom of expression. We underline the importance of ensuring impartial investigation and prosecution of all perpetrators of human rights violations and abuses.

Recommendations

Ireland recommends Mali:

1. Guarantee respect for the rights of the child in Mali, including by finalising the draft child protection law and ensuring its implementation.
2. Approve the draft Criminal Code, incorporating the prohibition and punishment of all forms of sexual and gender-based violence.

We wish Mali every success in this UPR cycle. Thank you.