



**Statement of Ireland**  
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Review of Georgia

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

Ireland acknowledges Georgia's efforts to advance human rights domestically and commends progress made since the last UPR cycle.

Ireland is concerned about LGBTI+ rights, hate crimes and the administration of justice in Georgia.

Recognising that important progress has been made in recent years, Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Georgian authorities:

1. Ensure the prevention, investigation and prosecution of hate crimes based on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression by establishing an effective hate crime investigation unit within the law enforcement system.
2. Enhance the independence of the judiciary by continuing to reform the legal framework and system for the appointment and promotion of judges to ensure an open and merit based approach, including at the point of entry to judicial training.

We wish Georgia every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.