



Statement of Ireland
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Review of Nepal

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

Ireland acknowledges Nepal's efforts to advance human rights and welcomes progress since its last UPR.

Ireland remains concerned about the lack of accountability for human rights violations and abuses committed during the civil war, noting no investigations have been completed by the Commissions of Inquiry for Truth and Reconciliation and Disappeared Persons established in 2015. We are concerned that no legislation criminalising torture currently meets international standards.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Nepalese authorities:

1. Ensure that the transitional justice process takes a gender sensitive approach and upholds international standards, with the transparent and timely conclusion of cases by Commissions of Inquiry, ensuring the rights of all victims to truth, justice and reparation.

2. Revise the draft Anti-Torture Bill to comply fully with international standards, including by removing the statute of limitations and providing for all five forms of reparation.

Thank you.