



Statement of Ireland
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Review of Saint Lucia

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

Ireland acknowledges Saint Lucia's efforts to advance human rights domestically and commends progress made since the last UPR cycle, in particular the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2020.

We welcome Saint Lucia's recent engagement with civil society organisations on LGBTI+ issues. We encourage Saint Lucia to continue this engagement and outreach to assist in implementing recommendations on LGBTI+ issues from this UPR cycle.

Although we acknowledge that all death sentences in Saint Lucia have been commuted, we encourage the abolition of the death penalty, including a formal moratorium on its use as a first step.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Saint Lucian authorities:

1. Ratify remaining core human rights instruments as promptly as possible, including the Convention against Torture, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Relevant technical assistance should be sought to overcome any capacity restrictions.

2. Decriminalise consensual adult same-sex relations by amending Section 132 and repealing Section 133 of the Criminal Code.
3. Pass comprehensive legislation to prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity, and support public awareness initiatives on non-discrimination and social inclusion of the LGBTI+ community.

We wish Saint Lucia every success with this UPR cycle

Thank you.