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Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, Ms. Siobhán MULLALLY

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Thank you Chair.

Ireland aligns with the statement of the European Union. We thank the Special Rapporteur for this valuable report highlighting the heightened risks of trafficking in the context of climate change and stressing that these risks are due to persistent inequalities which must be addressed.

Combating trafficking in persons in all its forms is a priority for Ireland. In line with our holistic approach to the promotion and protection of human rights, we support the Special Rapporteur's call to ensure an intersectional and human- rights-based approach to measures to counter-trafficking and respond to climate-related migration.

Chair,

Ireland welcomes the Special Rapporteur's call to go beyond focusing on the potential vulnerabilities of women and girls and to recognise that such vulnerabilities are a result of systemic failures to remedy gender inequality. We also welcome the Special Rapporteur's call for the meaningful participation of women and survivors in policymaking. Within this context, could you elaborate on the potential of women and girls to act as agents of change in addressing inequalities?