



**Statement of Ireland**  
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Review of Colombia

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Ireland thanks the delegation of Colombia for its presentation.

Ireland acknowledges Colombia's efforts to advance peace, particularly progress made on the implementation of the 2016 Peace Agreement, the progress made by the Special Jurisdiction for Peace, and the opening of peace talks with armed groups, including the ELN and EMC FARC-EP, all of which will positively impact human rights.

We also welcome progress in the development of Colombia's first National Action Plan on the implementation of UNSC Resolution 1325, recognising the extensive and inclusive consultation process that has taken place.

Ireland is deeply concerned by continued violence against human rights defenders; defenders of Indigenous Peoples, persons of African descent, and peasants; ex-combatants; LGBTI+ persons; and other vulnerable groups; and by high cases of gender-based violence against women and girls.

Ireland recommends that Colombia:

1. Strengthen the protection of human rights defenders, ex-combatants, and other vulnerable groups, and ensure impartial, rigorous and effective investigation of cases of violence, intimidation and reprisals.
2. Adopt a legislative framework to further address gender-based violence and violence against LGBTI+ persons, focusing on ensuring the proper investigation and prosecution of these crimes.

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