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Review of Senegal
Statement of Ireland
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Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Senegal, and we thank the members for their presentation.

Ireland commends the progress made by Senegal since the last UPR cycle.

Although Ireland is encouraged by improvements in some areas in relation to gender equality, we remain deeply troubled by reports of cases of female genital mutilation and we recommend that the Senegalese authorities take all necessary measures to ensure that the relevant legislation in this area is implemented.

Ireland is concerned by reports that there are calls from certain quarters for the reinstatement of the death penalty. We urge the Senegalese authorities to resist any moves to row back on the abolition of the death penalty, in place since 2004.

The situation regarding the welfare of LGBTI persons in Senegal remains troubling. Ireland recommends once again that Senegal take all necessary steps to combat the persecution of persons on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity, in particular by revising as appropriate Article 319 of the Penal code.

We wish Senegal every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.