



**Statement of Ireland**  
**42nd session of the Human Rights Council**

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Item 5: Human Rights Bodies and Mechanisms

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the European Union and wishes to add the following.

Mr President,

We take this opportunity to reiterate our unequivocal support for the UN human rights system including the independent mandates of the Human Rights Council, and the Treaty Bodies.

Ireland maintains that both the Special Procedures and Treaty Bodies form an integral part of the UN's human rights mechanisms, and it is our duty as States to support and defend their integrity and independence.

Further, Ireland believes that it is also incumbent on States, to ensure that adequate financial and human resources are provided to ensure that the Special Procedures and the Treaty Bodies can discharge the work that has been mandated to them, by us.

Ireland remains committed to engage with all parts of UN human rights system and we call on all States to do the likewise. Cooperation by States is essential to secure the effective functioning of the system as a whole. In this context, we encourage all States to issue a standing invitation to all mandate holders.

Ireland condemns all attacks against Special Procedures, as well as all acts of intimidation and reprisal against individuals seeking to cooperate the mandates.

We call upon States to take all necessary measures to prevent the occurrence of acts of intimidation or reprisal which not only violate the rights of individuals but undermine the credibility and effectiveness of the UN human rights system as a whole.

Thank you.