



**Statement of Ireland**  
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**Review of the Federated States of Micronesia**  
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Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of the Federated States of Micronesia and thanks it for its presentation today.

Ireland acknowledges Micronesia's efforts to advance human rights domestically and commends progress made since the last UPR cycle, particularly its accession to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We encourage Micronesia to continue this progress by acceding to the remaining core international human rights treaties and their Optional Protocols, and strengthening its approach to implementation of the provisions of these treaties, including strengthened processes for timely reporting and ensuring coordination and tracking of national follow-up. The establishment of a national human rights institution, in follow-up to the scoping study launched by the Micronesia government in 2019, would be an important support.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Micronesian authorities:

1. Take action at all levels to address sexual and gender-based violence, including ensuring adequate resourcing and training for relevant authorities, and adopting legislation and policy frameworks to criminalise and prevent all forms of gender-based violence and ensure access to justice for all victims.
2. Take all necessary steps to empower women to effectively participate in political and public life and to enhance the representation of women in decision-making bodies at all levels, including through implementation of gender quotas for candidates in political elections.

We wish Micronesia every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.