



Statement of Ireland
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Review of Jamaica

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Thank you, Madame President

Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Jamaica and thanks them for their presentation today.

Ireland acknowledges Jamaica's efforts to advance human rights domestically and commends progress made since the last UPR cycle.

We commend Jamaica on the approval by both Houses of Parliament to amend the Sexual Offences Act to ensure that marital rape in all circumstances is a criminal offence and look forward to the early completion of the legislative processes to give effect to this.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Jamaican authorities:

1. Establish a National Human Rights Institution with a full mandate and independence in line with the Paris Principles.
2. Implement comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation, after meaningful consultation with civil society, to protect against institutionalised and societal

discrimination of socially marginalised groups, including LGBTI+ persons. Furthermore, decriminalise sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex and fully and thoroughly investigate all incidents and acts of violence suspected of being motivated by homophobia or transphobia and bring to justice those suspected of criminal responsibility.

We wish Jamaica every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.