



Statement of Ireland
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Review of Uzbekistan

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Ireland welcomes the delegation of Uzbekistan and thanks it for its presentation today.

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

Ireland welcomes the June 2021 presidential decree aimed at improving the system for detecting and preventing cases of torture, and the establishment of national preventive mechanism groups to prevent torture and abuse in detention facilities.

However, Ireland regrets that despite previous support for Ireland's recommendation in the third UPR cycle, there are continued reports of torture, ill-treatment and reprisals against those who report abuses by law enforcement officials.

Ireland recommends that Uzbekistan:

1. Establish an independent police complaint mechanism that can effectively investigate instances of torture and ill-treatment, to reduce impunity for perpetrators.
2. Take steps to bolster the independence, impartiality and effectiveness of the judiciary, by enhancing security of tenure, and reviewing the regime of appointment, promotion and dismissal of judges in line with the relevant international standards.

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