



Statement of Ireland
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Review of Canada

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Ireland thanks Canada for its presentation today.

Ireland welcomes progress made since the last UPR cycle including the appointment of the Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burial Sites in 2022, and ongoing progress under the National Advisory Committee on Residential Schools, Missing Children and Unmarked Burials.

Ireland is concerned about the high rates of incarceration and over-representation of Indigenous Peoples in Canadian prisons.

Recommendations

Ireland recommends Canada:

1. Invest in community-based, Indigenous-led policies to disrupt the Indigenous incarceration pipeline and adequately finance Indigenous-operated correctional facilities.
2. Update existing legislation to provide remote First Nations communities with legally enforceable, sustainable and safe drinking water protections.

We wish Canada every success in this UPR cycle.