

32nd session of the Universal Periodic Review

Review of Chile

Statement of Ireland

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Thank you, Mr. President

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

We commend the leadership shown by Chile in international fora, in progressing and promoting human rights.

We note advances made by Chile in relation to gender equality, including the creation of the Ministry of Women's Affairs and Gender Equality, and the National Service for Women and Gender Equity and we encourage further progress in this area.

Ireland also welcomes the creation of an Undersecretary of Human Rights and the expanded presence of the National Human Rights Institute.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Chilean authorities:

1. To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and approve the bill on the right of women to a life free of violence.
2. To ensure that legislation passed to protect the welfare of LGBTI persons is fully implemented.

We wish Chile every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.