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Review of New Zealand

Statement of Ireland

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Thank you, Mr. President

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

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

We welcome New Zealand's commitment to upholding the rights affirmed by the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to the fundamental importance of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to the New Zealand authorities:

1. Ireland is concerned about the reported level of domestic violence in New Zealand, particularly against women. We recommend that New Zealand continue its efforts to develop a comprehensive government strategy for tackling it.
2. Ireland calls upon the Government of New Zealand to continue to work to enhance the rights of Maori and other indigenous minority groups in New Zealand. In light of the disproportionate number of Maori that are incarcerated, Ireland recommends that New Zealand ensure more rehabilitative support is provided for Maori prisoners.

We wish New Zealand every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you