



**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Afaq Ahmad, Counsellor, during the 3rdUPR
Review of Ireland**

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Madam President,

We thank Ireland for presenting its 3rd UPR report and highlighting the key human rights initiatives.

We commend efforts to strengthen National Human Rights and Equality institution and enhancing its autonomy.

We appreciate multiple legislative and administrative measures aimed at combating domestic violence; promoting gender parity, ensuring access to justice and protecting rights of children and persons with disabilities.

However, we share concerns of CERD regarding lack of domestic legislation to address the issues of racial profiling, racism and rising incidents of hate speech and crimes against refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.

We recommend Ireland to:

- Provide adequate human and financial resources to the National Human Rights Institution.
- Amend 1989 Prohibition of Incitement to Hatred Act and incorporate provisions of CERD in domestic legislation.
- Expedite efforts to finalize legislation on hate crimes and Develop National Action Plan on Racism to combat hate speech, racial profiling and discrimination.

I thank you.