



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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Ireland

Thank you, Mr. President

We welcome the delegation of Ireland and thank them for their report presented before us today. Israel would like to commend Ireland for the progress made since its last UPR.

However, Israel is deeply concerned by the existence of hate crimes in Ireland. It has been reported that 109 hate incidents took place in 2013, of which only 12 were sentenced.

Israel is concerned by the cases of medically unnecessary surgeries and other procedures on intersex children before they were able to provide their informed consent; as well as by the persistent discrimination against LGBTI children.

Israel is also worried about the reports of non-consensual use of psychiatric medication, electroshocks, and other coercive practices in mental health services.

Israel would like to recommend Ireland the following:

1. to ensure accountability for hate crimes.
2. to ratify the CRPD.
3. to adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation that includes all the grounds for discrimination.
4. to speed up the process of approval of the new Domestic Violence Bill.
5. to guarantee the closure of the St. Patrick's Institution and the effective implementation of the Children (Amendment) Act 2015 and the Prisons Act 2015.

Thank you.