

Statement by **AZERBAIJAN**
UPR of Ireland

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan thanks the delegation of Ireland for the presentation of its national report.

Azerbaijan is concerned over the existence of the following human rights problems in Ireland as referred to in relevant reports of the UN treaty bodies, special procedures and other stakeholders:

- Intolerance and discrimination against non-citizens, as well as ill-treatment, harassment, incitement to violence and hate speech towards minorities, anti-Semitic and Islamophobic manifestations, racial discrimination towards people of African origin;
- Prison conditions and overcrowding; torture and ill-treatment by prison staff;
- Domestic and sexual violence against women.

In the light of the above-mentioned, Azerbaijan makes the following recommendations:

1. To ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW), the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the Optional Protocol to Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and Punishment (OPCAT);
2. To take effective steps to address racism and xenophobia and incorporate the provisions of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) into its domestic legislation; to raise awareness and promote tolerance in society, and to ensure that violent acts, discrimination and hate speech are systemically investigated and the alleged perpetrators prosecuted;
3. To improve prison conditions, including addressing overcrowding; to investigate all cases of torture and ill-treatment by prison staff in an impartial manner and prosecute those responsible; to provide training for law enforcement personnel on the prohibition of torture;
4. To strengthen efforts to combat and prevent domestic and sexual violence against women.

Thank you, Mr. President.