



Statement of Ireland
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Clustered interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and, the Special Rapporteur on the right to education

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the European Union and adds the following:

Mr (Vice) President,

Ireland warmly welcomes both the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and, the Special Rapporteur on the right to education. We thank them both for their reports and presentations to the Council, and we reaffirm our support for both important mandates here today.

Ms Callamard –

Ireland is a strong and unequivocal supporter of a free press.

As a global community, protecting journalists and media workers must be an essential component of our efforts to protect and promote freedom of expression.

Therefore Ireland notes with great concern that you highlight in your annual report, that media professionals and journalists are among the groups most vulnerable to death threats and attacks.

We would welcome any additional recommendations that you might have for States, to better protect those working in the media.

We thank you also for your thorough and sobering report into the killing last year of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

We are gravely concerned by your report's findings.

We support the focus on accountability in your report, and we echo the calls of others that those responsible for the killing of Mr Khashoggi must be brought to account.

Thank you