



Statement of Ireland

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Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities

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Madame President,

Ireland aligns with the statement of the European Union. Ireland congratulates Professor Gerard Quinn on his appointment as Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities and welcome his first report.

Special Rapporteur,

We welcome the ambitious vision you have set out for your mandate, including your intended focus on inclusive equality and intersectionality.

We also look forward to your upcoming work on the protection of civilians with disabilities in armed conflict and the role which persons with disabilities can and should play in peacebuilding processes.

Ireland fully supports your mandate and we hope that other States, organisations and individuals do likewise. We greatly appreciate your commitment to ensuring that your work brings about real change in the lives of persons with disabilities. This is critical when over one billion people, or 15% of the world's population experience some form of disability.

Special Rapporteur, what opportunities do you see to work with other special procedures mandate holders to advance intersectionality, and further, what is your key request of states in relation to support for your mandate?

We wish you every success in implementing this important mandate.