



## **Statement of Ireland**

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*Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences*

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Thank you Mr. President,

Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and Ireland thanks Ms. Alsalem for this report and its focus on violence against indigenous women and girls, which, as the report makes abundantly clear, are particularly exposed to complex and intersectional forms of violence.

It is vital that all efforts to combat these forms of violence are carried out with the full, equal, and meaningful participation of indigenous women and girls, and in consultation with civil society, including indigenous organisations.

Ireland is particularly concerned about the situation of indigenous women and girl human rights defenders who are often exposed to harassment, reprisals, intimidation and violence while exercising their rights. The degree of impunity which exists for these crimes is unacceptable. We welcome the report's recommendations for States to take proactive steps to recognise, support, and protect indigenous women human rights defenders.

Ms. Alsalem, we greatly welcome the emphasis in this report in gathering and disseminating good practice from all regions. We would be interested in exploring how this good practice can be more widely shared and what more can be done by States to learn from each other to ensure the promotion and protection of the right of indigenous women and girls to live their lives free from violence.

Thank you.