



**Statement of Ireland**  
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Review of Oman

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Ireland thanks Oman for its presentation today.

We commend the efforts made in addressing recommendations in the last UPR cycle. In particular, we welcome the progress made in combatting human trafficking and the criminalisation of female genital mutilation and other practices harmful to the health of the child.

However, Ireland is concerned about the limits on freedom of expression in the 2018 Penal Code and the remaining Omani reservations on CEDAW provisions. Ireland therefore makes the following recommendations to the Omani authorities:

1. Take measures to protect freedom of association, assembly and expression and remove any impediments to the work of political opposition parties, human rights defenders, and independent civil society organisations.
2. Permit Omani women to pass their nationality to their children and spouses on an equal basis with men.

We wish Oman every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.