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**Statement of Ireland**

**57th session of the Human Rights Council**

Annual discussion on the integration of a gender perspective throughout the work of the Human Rights Council and that of its mechanisms

Theme: Enhancing gender integration in human rights investigations: a victim-centred perspective

**Monday, 30 September 2024**

Chair,

Ireland welcomes the focus of this year's panel discussion, and the continued efforts to integrate a gender perspective throughout the work of the Council and its mechanisms.

Integrating gender perspectives in investigative mechanisms enhances the work of this Council by ensuring that the experience of victims of human rights violations is accurately reflected. The perspectives, voices and needs of women and girls are often side-lined, yet without incorporating a gender perspective, we fail to meaningfully engage with the experience of half of the world's population. Failure to incorporate a gender-responsive approach in investigative mechanisms may also result in re-victimisation.

Integrating a gender perspective also provides space to consider the particular impacts of human rights violations on men and boys, and LGBTQI+ persons.

We welcome ongoing efforts to take a victim-centred approach in human rights investigations, through the use of trauma-informed interviews and active inclusion of women's voices, including women human rights defenders who are often exposed to gender-specific risks such as harassment and sexual- and gender-based violence. We must commit to supporting expertise and capacity amongst international actors working in this area.

Finally, Ireland welcomes the participation of Justice Rapid Response on the panel. As a long-term supporter of this organisation, we value their expertise and their leadership on accountability efforts for sexual-and gender-based violence across the globe.

*How can we expand the application of gender integration into the investigation of all human rights violations?*