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Statement of Ireland

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU.

Climate related Loss and Damage has a profound impact on human rights, and affects lives and livelihoods, cultural heritage, biodiversity, and ecosystems.

Furthermore, loss and damage disproportionately affects those with the least capacity for adaptation – including persons living in Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States, as well as persons in vulnerable situations. Age, gender, socioeconomic class, disability, migratory status, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity and race also shape the extent of impacts, and the experience of Loss and Damage.

Loss and Damage is a key priority for Ireland, demonstrated through our work in the UNFCCC, including participation on the Transitional Committee for Loss and Damage. Ireland's main priority for our work in this area is ensuring that the most vulnerable communities and countries can access finance to respond to Loss and Damage through different channels, including through the newly established Fund. Ireland is now sharing a seat with the European Union on the Board of the Fund and is committed to ensuring that the Fund becomes operational as soon as possible.

We are working with the Board to ensure that the Fund delivers for those who need it most, particularly within LDCs and SIDS, recognising the threat that climate change poses to human rights within these countries.