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Ireland aligns with the statement of the EU and thanks the Special Rapporteur for the report.

We reiterate our support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which affirms the individual, as well as collective rights, of Indigenous Peoples.

Ireland welcomes the focus of this report and acknowledges the disproportionately high rates of disability amongst Indigenous Peoples. We are concerned by the significant societal and environmental barriers faced by Indigenous persons with disabilities. We recognize the challenges Indigenous women and girls with disabilities face due to multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, and support their full, equal and meaningful participation in public affairs.

We are also concerned that the adverse impacts of climate change and environmental pollution have exacerbated already existing difficulties faced by Indigenous persons with disabilities. Ireland deplores the heightened risk of reprisal faced by Indigenous human rights defenders who speak out about such injustices.

It is important that Indigenous persons with disabilities have access to culturally appropriate disability support care.

Ireland welcomes the Special Rapporteur's recommendations set out in their report, and firmly supports efforts towards their implementation.

Special Rapporteur, how can we ensure culturally appropriate services are offered to Indigenous Persons with disabilities?