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Ireland aligns with the statement of the European Union.

Ireland unequivocally condemns all manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance.

In 2020 Ireland established an independent National Anti-Racism Committee to strengthen the state's approach to combatting individual and institutional racism. The work of this committee informed our National Action Plan Against Racism, which was launched in March 2023. This Plan sets out a holistic and intersectional approach to enhance diversity and social inclusion, and to acknowledge and actively address the impacts of racism.

This year, we appointed a Special Rapporteur for our National Action Plan against Racism and welcomed the launch of the Ireland Against Racism Fund 2024, which support the implementation of our National Action Plan.

In addition to our efforts at a national level, Ireland supports the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, which, in conjunction with the Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, provides a comprehensive framework to combat racism.

Ireland is committed to addressing racism and hatred and to safeguard human rights and fundamental freedoms for all.

Thank you.