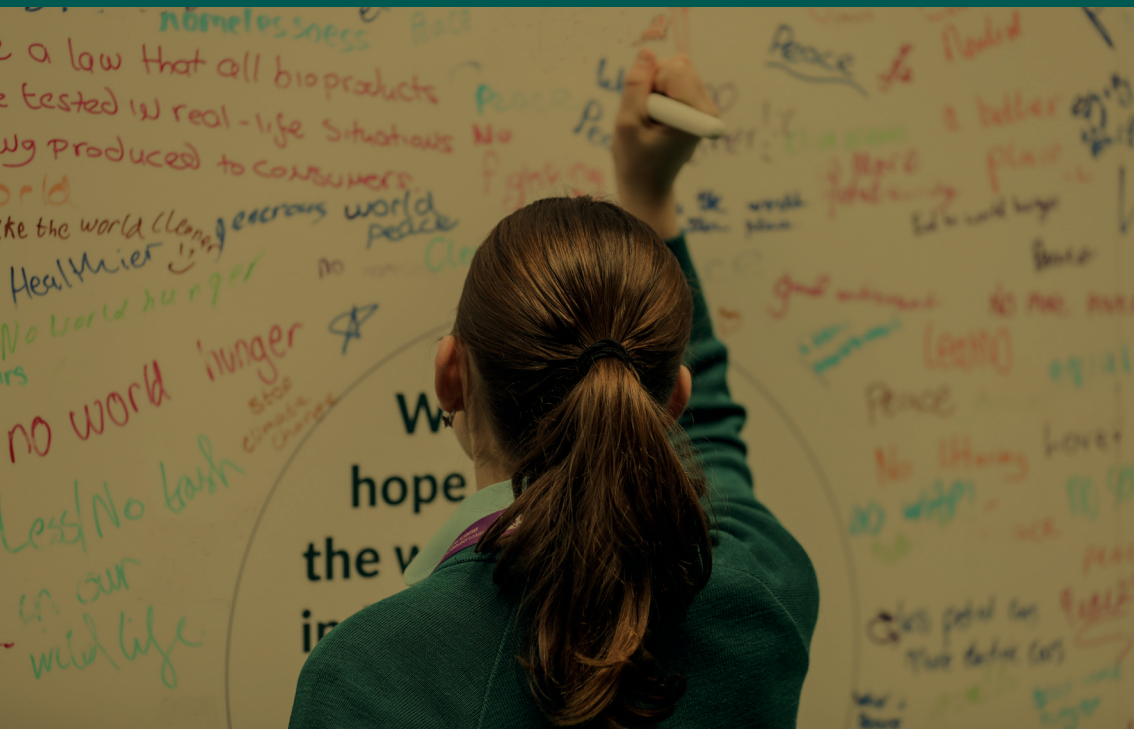




IRELAND

Candidate for the
United Nations
Human Rights Council
2027 – 2029



A CONSISTENT VOICE AND COMMITTED PARTNER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

- **Ireland** places human rights at the heart of its foreign policy and development cooperation programme.
- **Ireland's** experience of conflict and transformative social change reflects the fact that respect for human rights is essential for sustainable peace and a thriving society.
- **Ireland** is profoundly aware of the value of multilateralism in solving global challenges, including as a small island State.
- **Ireland** is firmly committed to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and to annual increases in our Official Development Assistance.
- **Ireland** is committed to climate justice, working with those most affected by climate change.
- **Ireland** is committed to strengthening the efficiency and effectiveness of the Council.
- **Ireland** will engage across the agenda of the Council in an open and constructive way with Members and non-Member States alike to bolster respect for international human rights and the multilateral system.



CIVIL SOCIETY SPACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

- A strong civil society, including women-led organisations, has been a key component in Ireland's socio-economic development and in ending conflict on our island.
- Ireland will continue to be a leader in seeking to promote and protect human rights defenders, including youth.
- Ireland recognises that respect for human rights is crucial for peace, stability and sustainable development, and human rights defenders are at the forefront of this effort.
- Ensuring that the voice of civil society is heard will be central to Ireland's engagement at the Council.

THE RIGHT TO FOOD

- Ireland recognises that the realisation of the right to adequate food is essential for peace, dignity and sustainable development.
- Globally, the fight for food security is being lost, driven by broader humanitarian crises fuelled by conflict, climate change and economic and geopolitical dynamics.
- As a nation with experience of famine, Ireland is acutely aware of the consequences of food insecurity.
- Ireland has been a longstanding champion of global efforts to reduce hunger and malnutrition, and will bring this leadership and expertise to our Council membership.

GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS

- Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls is a policy priority for Ireland, and a core tenet of its human rights and development cooperation work.
- Ireland is unwavering in its commitment to these priorities in its domestic and foreign policy, including through the implementation and promotion of the Women, Peace and Security agenda.
- Ireland consistently ranks among countries with the highest annual proportion of ODA invested in gender equality.
- Ireland will, as a Member of the Council, champion gender equality and the rights of women and girls.

THE RIGHTS OF LGBTIQ+ PERSONS

- Ireland has undergone substantive social change and transformation in recent decades.
- Informed by this experience, Ireland strongly advocates for the promotion and protection of LGBTIQ+ rights worldwide in our bilateral and multilateral engagements.
- Ireland is committed to the fundamental principles of equality and non-discrimination.
- Ireland will continue to be a strong voice for the universal nature of all human rights and the protection of the rights of LGBTIQ+ persons at the Council.

THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN CONFLICT

- Ireland acknowledges the terrible impact of conflict on persons with disabilities, those arising from conflict and those acquired during conflict.
- Ireland is committed to championing the rights of persons with disabilities in conflict settings through all its international engagement.
- Ireland takes a human rights-based approach to disability across foreign policy engagement with a focus on protection, access to humanitarian assistance, disarmament and the meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in conflict resolution and peace building.
- As a Member of the Council, Ireland will highlight the rights of persons with disabilities in conflict and ensure their voices are heard.



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