



**Pledge submitted by Ireland to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat  
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**PLEDGE NUMBER 1: HRD Guidelines**

Ireland will publish our updated Guidelines for Irish Embassies and Missions on Human Rights Defenders in December 2023. Along with guidance for Missions on providing emergency support to human rights defenders at risk, these guidelines suggest ways in which Embassies can mainstream support for HRDs into their everyday work, including by enhancing opportunities for HRD participation and action at local, national, and international level. The guidelines also provide suggestions on how diplomatic colleagues can work to improve the overall human rights situation of the country in which they operate.

**Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised:** Dec 31, 2023

**PLEDGE NUMBER 2: Civil Society**

Ireland will continue to champion civil society engagement domestically, through our multilateral engagements at the UN, and through our Mission network globally. Domestically, we will increase our engagement with Irish civil society organisations through our annual Civil Society Forum and through consultations for UN Treaty Body Reviews. At the multilateral level, Ireland will continue to lead on the biannual civil society resolution at Human Rights Council. We also will continue to highlight the issue of reprisals against civil society actors and human rights defenders at both the Human Rights Council and UNGA Third Committee.

**Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised:** Dec 31, 2024

**PLEDGE NUMBER 3: Funding**

Respect for human rights and the promotion of human rights is a cornerstone of Irish foreign policy. Ireland strongly supports the strengthening of the regional and multilateral human rights framework, including by providing un-earmarked core funding to the OHCHR. We pledge to increase our un-earmarked OHCHR funding in 2024 to enable the OHCHR to continue to carry out their vital work.

**Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised:** Dec 31, 2024

**PLEDGE NUMBER 4: Human Rights Mainstreaming in Foreign Policy**

Human Rights is one of the five pillars of Irish Foreign Policy. We pledge to continue the integration and mainstreaming of Human Rights into all foreign policy work. To mark the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, all Irish overseas Missions have integrated and incorporated human rights into their work.

**Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised:** Dec 31, 2024

**PLEDGE NUMBER 5: Business and Human Rights**

Ireland will produce a second National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights. Recognising the role that both business and government can play in the protection and promotion of human rights, the new National Action Plan (2024-2027) aims to reflect significant international developments in the sphere of business and human rights, while building on the outcomes of first National Plan. Work on the new plan has commenced and following a public consultation process, a range of stakeholder submissions were received comprising key recommendations that will shape the focus of the plan and effectively expand on monitoring and implementation structures."

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**PLEDGE NUMBER 6: Optional Protocol on the Convention Against Torture**

To ratify the Optional Protocol on the Convention Against Torture with the shortest possible delay.

**Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised:** Dec 31, 2030