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to **Submission by the Immigrant Council of Ireland (ICI)** to the **12th Session of the UPR Working Group** October 2011 (**21 March 2011**)

The **Immigrant Council of Ireland** is an independent, non-governmental organisation established to promote the rights of migrants through information, legal services, advocacy, lobbying, research and training.

Concerns raised with the ICI by our clients through our Information and Support Service and Legal Service inform our campaigns and research. In 2010, about 10,000 people sought information and support from the ICI.

The ICI also provides information, support and training to a wide variety of organisations including State agencies, other NGOs, ethnic-minority led organisations, businesses and community-based organisations.

The ICI was founded in 2001 by Sr Stanislaus Kennedy to provide an innovative response to changing social needs in Ireland.

Since 2006 the Immigrant Council of Ireland is also an Independent Law Centre under the Solicitors Acts, 1954 to 2002 (Independent Law Centres) Regulations 2006.

The ICI's legal team can provide assistance and legal representation to individuals regarding their immigration status. This is a free, but limited, service for particularly complex situations or cases that give rise to specific policy concerns.

Our work with migrants through our Legal Service helps inform and shape our policy development and campaign work.