

## Annex F

### List of additional issues raised during consultations

<b>The rights of persons with disabilities</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Make available adequate services for deaf prisoners who currently are one of the most vulnerable groups within the prison community.</li></ul>	Irish Deaf Society

<b>The rights of older people</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review the prescription charge policy for older people. For older people in receipt of multiple prescriptions, this increase in the cost of medicine has had very real repercussions.</li></ul>	Age Action

<b>The rights of persons with disabilities</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Increase the size of car parking spaces to ensure greater accessibility for those with mobility issues.</li></ul>	Private individual
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ensure that the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Bill 2013 fully respects the right to legal capacity in accordance with Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.</li></ul>	NUI Galway The Centre for Disability Law and Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prioritise and agree policy and funding for individualised solutions for persons with an intellectual disability based on assessed needs, including those with 24-hour nursing and medical needs requiring 24-hour nursing and medical care in the community.</li></ul>	Private individual
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Appoint a specific Ombudsperson for Intellectual Disability in addition to the role of Confidential Recipient.</li></ul>	Private individual
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Refrain from pathologising and medicating distress and use of psychotropic medication to restrain.</li></ul>	Private individual

<b>Environmental rights/public health</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct a review, in consultation with the public, of the emerging scientific information on the public and community health effects of High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing (HVHF)</li> </ul>	Love Leitrim
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Comply with obligations of the Aarhus Convention, ratified by the Government in 2012, which ensures ‘the right of everyone to receive environmental information that is held by public authorities, the right to participate in environmental decision-making and the right to review procedures to challenge public decisions that have been made without respecting the two aforementioned rights or environmental law in general’.</li> </ul>	Love Leitrim

<b>Right to life and right to freedom from torture or other inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review and if necessary strengthen legislation governing the search and inspection of suspected rendition flights to ensure that police authorities have the necessary power in this regard.</li> </ul>	Shannonwatch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish a robust and transparent system for identifying aircraft, operators and crews using Irish territory or airports to commit or assist abuses of human rights, including renditions.</li> </ul>	Shannonwatch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish an independent and impartial public inquiry into the use of Irish territory, and in particular Shannon airport, in renditions.</li> </ul>	Shannonwatch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Put in place procedures to ensure that weapons, munitions and associated equipment being transited through Irish territory and airspace are not destined for countries where they could be used to commit human rights violations and war crimes.</li> </ul>	Shannonwatch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review and if necessary strengthen legislation to ensure that civil and police authorities have the necessary power to inspect any aircraft suspected to be carrying munitions or war.</li> </ul>	Shannonwatch

<b>Equality and Non-discrimination</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adequately resource the Equality Tribunal to combat current delays.</li> </ul>	St. Anthony’s Park Community Development Initiative (Cork)



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Make available adequate training for judges and other legal professionals in child development and children's rights.</li> <li>- Extend the Community Childcare Subvention Programme to all early years' services; it should reform the administrative procedures so that families can take up subsidised places at any time of the year.</li> <li>- Ensure all paid childminders are regulated.</li> <li>- Publish a rights-based National Early Years Strategy accompanied by an adequately resource implementation plan. This should also address the inclusion of children with disabilities and children from minority groups such as Traveller and Roma children in early years services.</li> <li>- Ensure that Tusla – the Child and Family Agency is adequately funded and staffed to assess child protection referrals and respond to them in a timely and appropriate manner.</li> <li>- Put an end to the privatisation of care services.</li> </ul>	<p>Cork Life Centre</p> <p>Children's Rights Alliance</p> <p>Children's Rights Alliance</p> <p>Children's Rights Alliance</p> <p>Children's Rights Alliance</p> <p>Private Individual</p>
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<b>Asylum seekers</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adopt all necessary measures to make further education accessible for asylum seekers, including economic accessibility.</li> <li>- Ensure that children born in Ireland do not have to seek asylum.</li> <li>- Take steps to combat the trafficking of people for illicit purposes, such as cannabis cultivation, and ensure that these individuals are not placed in detention upon identification.</li> <li>- Ensure that individuals in Direct Provision have access to adequate healthcare. This includes access to reproductive healthcare and mental health services.</li> </ul>	<p>Private individual/St Anthony's Park</p> <p>Private Individual/ Former Asylum Seeker</p> <p>Private Individual</p> <p>Private Individual</p>

<b>Travellers/Roma</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reform the law in relation to Licences. Section 19 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003 needs to be repealed, to bring Ireland into compliance</li> </ul>	<p>St Anthony's Park</p>

<p>with the European Union Race Directive. This has a negative impact on the Traveller community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extend the remit of the Press Ombudsman to allow for greater powers to sanction media outlets in order to combat discriminatory stereotypes portrayed by the media.</li> <li>- Implement initiatives around Traveller horse ownership which is a cultural trait of many Travellers around the country.</li> <li>- Ensure that any targeted Garda task forces do not disproportionately impact on Roma or Travellers.</li> <li>- Ensure greater transparency and accountability for the underutilisation of grants in relation to the provision of culturally acceptable accommodation for travellers.</li> <li>- Allocate funding to support local Traveller projects to develop the capacity and competence of members of the Traveller and Roma communities to partake in the political structures in Ireland and at a European level.</li> <li>- The State must ensure that the cultural history and heritage of Travellers is promoted, protected and acknowledged within the State curriculum, this can be achieved by the inclusion of Traveller representation on education boards and across all variants of the Irish education system.</li> <li>- Take into account the specific needs of women and members of the LGBT community within the Traveller and Roma communities in all future service level planning with a view to ensuring that specific and real action is taken to ensure inclusion of marginalised groups within the Traveller/Roma communities.</li> <li>- Ensure that a policy is in place to combat mental health problems and the risk of suicide, which exist in the Traveller/Roma community.</li> <li>- Specific actions, including affirmative actions as required, should be included in the HSE</li> </ul>	<p>St Anthony's Park</p> <p>St Anthony's Park</p> <p>St Anthony's Park</p> <p>Private Individual</p> <p>Clondalkin Travellers Development Group / Tallaght Traveller Development Group</p> <p>Clondalkin Travellers Development Group / Tallaght Traveller Development Group</p> <p>Clondalkin Travellers Development Group / Tallaght Traveller Development Group</p> <p>Clondalkin Travellers Development Group / Tallaght Traveller Development Group</p>
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<p>National Service and Operational Plans for implementation across the country, including in the areas of mental health, counselling, substance addiction services and suicide ideation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prioritise and implement anti-racism training and the development of codes of practice for service providers.</li> <li>- Implement the recommendations of the All Ireland Traveller Health Study.</li> <li>- Ensure that an ethnic identifier and appropriate staff training in data collection is applied across all Governmental Departments.</li> <li>- Ensure that Travellers are not stigmatised by the criminal justice system, by introducing “spent convictions” and an adequately resourced community return programme.</li> <li>- Apply pressure on other States to ensure that the rights of the Roma community are upheld.</li> </ul>	<p>Clondalkin Travellers Development Group / Tallaght Traveller Development Group</p> <p>Clondalkin Travellers Development Group / Tallaght Traveller Development Group</p> <p>Clondalkin Travellers Development Group / Tallaght Traveller Development Group</p> <p>Clondalkin Travellers Development Group / Tallaght Traveller Development Group</p> <p>Pavee Point</p> <p>Pavee Point</p>
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<b>LGBTI Rights</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduce adequate measures to combat mental health problems in the transgender community.</li> <li>- Ensure that transgender people can access healthcare tailored to their specific needs, in particular, for those wishing to transition to their preferred gender.</li> <li>- Roll out a targeted advertising campaign, highlighting the harmful effects of harassment and discrimination against the LGBT community.</li> <li>- Ensure that the rights of inter-sex people are respected. This includes the issue surrounding the imposition of gender at an early age.</li> </ul>	<p>Private Individual</p> <p>Private Individual</p> <p>Private Individual</p> <p>Private Individual</p>

<b>Housing</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allocate adequate resources to improve sub-standard conditions in various local authority flat complexes.</li> </ul>	<p>Private individual</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduce rent caps in the private rented sector to combat escalating rental prices.</li> <li>- Consider the use of empty housing developments (ghost estates) to tackle the current lack of housing stock.</li> <li>- Accept to be bound by Article 31 of the European Social Charter, which deals with the right to housing.</li> <li>- Amend the Housing Acts 1966 to 2014 by repealing those provisions which have been found to be incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights.</li> <li>- Expedite the implementation of the Social Housing Strategy 2020 with a view to increasing the supply of social and affordable housing</li> <li>- Introduce legislative measures to increase security of tenure for tenants.</li> <li>- Ensure that tenants in mortgaged properties are afforded effective protection from eviction.</li> <li>- Increase maximum rent supplement and housing assistance payment limits with a view to ensuring that those whose means are insufficient to meet their housing needs are able to access accommodation in the private rented sector.</li> <li>- Ensure that local authorities fulfil their statutory function of inspecting and enforcing minimum standards in rented dwellings.</li> <li>- Take steps to ensure that the non-payment of water charges will not result in the termination tenancies.</li> </ul>	<p>Private Individual</p> <p>Private Individual</p> <p>Mercy Law Resource Centre/ Threshold</p> <p>Threshold</p> <p>Threshold</p> <p>Threshold</p> <p>Threshold</p> <p>Threshold</p> <p>Threshold</p> <p>Threshold</p> <p>Threshold</p>
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<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop larger and newer mental health advocacy services around the country.</li> <li>- Increase allocation of funding to mental health service providers through non-statutory agencies to increase advocacy capacity.</li> </ul>	<p>Private individual</p> <p>Private individual</p>

- Conduct a review of the management of mental health accommodation.	Private individual
- Ensure consistency of psychiatric care and review the current rotation system of doctors.	Private individual

<b>End of life</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
- Make provision in Irish law to allow terminally ill people to die with dignity.	Private individual

<b>The rights of persons in Prison or Detention</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
- Ensure that the HIQA Standards for Inspection reflect at least the minimum standards of care and treatment required by international human rights law including the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.	Irish Penal Reform Trust
- Introduce safe custody limits in line with the capacity of the single cell estate.	Irish Penal Reform Trust
- Ensure that “ <i>An Effective Response to Women who Offend</i> ” <i>Joint Probation Service – Irish Prison Service Strategy 2014 – 2016</i> is fully resourced and operationalised at the earliest opportunity.	Irish Penal Reform Trust
- Review the current system in order to assess if it reflects the requirements of the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-Custodial Measures for Women Offenders [Bangkok Rules].	Irish Penal Reform Trust
- Progress the establishment of a female open prison as recommended by the Strategic review Group on Penal Policy and Rule 45 of the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-Custodial Measures for Women Offenders [Bangkok Rules].	Irish Penal Reform Trust
- To clarify the arrangements in place in respect to access to all reproductive medical services and to ensure these are in line with Bangkok 25(2) and 39.	Irish Penal Reform Trust

<b>Violence Against Women</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
- Consider removing, or amending, the determination of property interests in issuing	National Women’s Council of Ireland



barring orders, in particular, where it conflicts with the best interests of the children	
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<b>Human Rights Education</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mandate the Department of Education and Skills to ensure that the education system at all levels becomes the primary source of human rights education and promotion, ensure respect and protection for all children, while developing a universal human rights culture.</li> </ul>	MEAS

<b>Structural changes to Government Departments</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish a Civil and Human Rights Government Department with responsibility for legal changes to guarantee specific rights in line with international human rights law.</li> </ul>	MEAS

<b>Human Rights Defenders</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to demonstrate strong international leadership on the protection of human rights defenders, in particular by making recommendations for the protection of human rights defenders when engaging with the Universal Periodic Review and in leading or co-sponsoring resolutions on the protection of civil society space, the prevention of reprisals, and the protection of human rights defenders at the Human Rights Council.</li> </ul>	International Service for Human Rights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consult closely with human rights defenders in developing a national action plan on business and human rights and ensure the plan contains measures to support and protect their vital work to promote corporate respect for human rights and corporate accountability for violations.</li> </ul>	International Service for Human Rights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue and strengthen the provision of support, including financial and diplomatic support, to a diverse range of national, regional and international NGOs providing advice, protection and support to human rights defenders.</li> </ul>	International Service for Human Rights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to ensure that embassy staff proactively implement the Guidelines for Irish Embassies and Missions for the protection of human rights defenders.</li> </ul>	International Service for Human Rights

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Demonstrate international leadership by enacting specific national legislation which enshrines the right to access and communicate with international human rights bodies and which prohibits any form of intimidation or reprisal in association with such communication.</li></ul>	International Service for Human Rights
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