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What is CEDAW?

The UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (‘CEDAW’) is the international treaty on the human rights of women and girls. It defines what discrimination against women is, and explains what countries need to do to end gender discrimination.

How does CEDAW impact Ireland?

Ireland signed up to CEDAW in 1985. This means that the CEDAW Committee periodically reviews Ireland’s progress on eliminating discrimination against women and girls and assesses how the State is aligning its policies and laws with CEDAW.

What is Ireland doing to ensure equal treatment of women and girls?

Government efforts have failed to have a tangible impact on improving the lives of women and girls. This is due in part to weak monitoring and implementation frameworks. Ireland’s National Strategy for Women and Girls expired in 2021, a new strategy is expected in 2025. The long delay in developing a new strategy highlights that gender equality is not being prioritised.

IHREC Recommendations



Ensure the new National Strategy for Women and Girls and its action plan are underpinned by resourced implementation and accountability structures, and prioritises evidence, collaborative governance and intersectionality.



Actively review and revise the new National Strategy for Women and Girls and its action plan to implement the CEDAW Committee’s concluding observations from its 2025 review.



Conduct an independent and comprehensive baseline study of Irish legislation with a view to designing and adopting all measures necessary to facilitate the full transposition of the rights within CEDAW into Ireland’s legal system.