

**Statement by the  
Islamic Republic of Iran  
In the  
Thirteenth Session of the UPR Working Group  
On Ecuador  
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**Madam President,**

The Islamic Republic of Iran would like to welcome the delegation of Ecuador led by vice president and congratulates them on their well prepared and comprehensive national report. My government considers the participation of Ecuador in the second cycle UPR mechanism as constructive step towards the promotion and protection of human rights.

My delegation would like congratulate the Government of Ecuador for adopting a independent economic policy which included an external public debt auditing and the consequent relief of the burden of capital and interests services in its government budget.

We also recognize the magnitude of Ecuador's efforts on improving its citizen's quality of life by increasing significantly its public investment on health, education and housing.

**Madam President,**

My delegation, would like to make the following recommendations to Ecuador:

- To continue the policies that made the progress in terms of special protection of children incorporated in the Code of Children and Adolescents.

- To continue its economic and social policies,

- to pay more attention and efforts on improving the quality of life of people living in rural areas and suffering from social exclusion.
- To continue its effort to alleviate violence against women, By establishing courts specialized in women's issues and family violence,
- To continue measures in positive aspects of the State's approach to the environment,
- Finally, To continue its efforts to promote women's political participation within the executive branch, By considering the adoption of the Political Participation Act by the Government.

Thank you.