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**Statement**  
**by Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran**  
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**Madame President,**

My delegation took note of the national report as well as the introductory statement delivered by the distinguished delegation of Finland.

We would like to draw the attention of the Working Group to consider the compilation reports of treaty bodies, special procedures, and the Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR) that, among others, raised some concerns in respect of the violation of human rights by the government of Finland, particularly with regard to the existing inequality and discrimination against women, children, and workers.

**Madam president,**

While also sharing the concerns stated in the report, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations to Finland:

- To take effective legal and practical measures to prevent and combat dissemination of racist, xenophobic and Islamophobic propaganda and material in particular in press and on the Internet.
- To take effective legal and practical measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against women and children, in particular women and children with disabilities, immigrant and refugee women and children and women and

children from ethnic and religious minorities, especially Muslims and Romas .

-Also to take effective measures to eliminate discrimination against children with disabilities, immigrant and refugee children and children from ethnic minorities, such as Roma children.

- To take effective measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination and inequality against women, as well as to eliminate widespread sexual and harassment against women and girls, including on the internet and via mobile phones,

-To take effective measures to combat racist propaganda and the xenophobic material on the internet,

- To establish a holistic legal and policy framework to guarantee the equal right of children with disabilities to access good-quality health-care services, public buildings and transportation

Thank you

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