

**Statement**  
**by Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran**  
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**On Netherlands**

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**Madame President,**

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

We would like to draw the attention of this august Working Group to the Compilation report, prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR) which raised some concerns about the violation of human rights by the government of Netherlands, particularly racial and religious discrimination, discrimination against Muslims, migrants, those of African descent, asylum seekers and other minority groups.

**Madam president,**

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

- 1- To take effective legal and practical measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against women and children, particularly women and children belongs to ethnic and religious minorities, including Muslims who still face multiple forms of discrimination with respect to education, health, employment and social and political participation.
- 2- To take all necessary measures to prevent and elimination all manifestation of the racism, Islamophobia, xenophobia and religious intolerance,
- 3- To ratify International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW),
- 4- To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,
- 5- To withdraw its reservations to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

Thank you