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**Statement by the
Islamic Republic of Iran
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Mr. President,

My delegation has taken note of the national report as well as the introductory statement delivered by the distinguished delegation of France.

We would like to draw the attention of the Working Group to the compilation reports of treaty bodies, special procedures, and the Office of the High Commissioner which have expressed, among others, concerns about the violation of human rights by the government of France, particularly on child prostitution and child pornography as well as increasing discrimination against the Muslims and the Roma.

Mr. President,

While sharing the concerns, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations to France:

- 1- Sign and ratify the third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).
- 2- Take legal measures in alleviating the difficulties faced by members of the minority groups including Muslims, Roma community and the African people as well as the enjoyment of their economic, social and cultural rights.
- 3- Increasing its efforts to prevent and combat all forms of abuse of children and adopt preventive measures and provide protection and services for their recovery.
- 4- Adopt further legislative measures in order to combat racist, xenophobic and Islamophobic acts and manifestations, particularly against the Roma and Muslim sanctities including in the political arena and in the media.
- 5- Take effective measures in further strengthening the implementation of its legal framework to combat sub-standard housing for individuals and families who live in sub-standard housing characterized by unsafe and unhealthy conditions.

Thank you.