

Statement of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Before the 16th Session of the Universal Periodic Review
On review of Canada
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Mr President,

My delegation would like to draw the attention of this august body to the Compilation report of OHCHR based on which a number of concerns in respect of the violation of human rights by Canadian Government have been raised. Particularly with regard to child sexual exploitation and trafficking, right to food, discriminatory laws and regulations against the indigenous peoples and minority groups including Muslim Arab and African communities.

Furthermore and with respect to CERD, the refusal of the said Government to introduce into its legislation a specific offense criminalizing and punishing acts of racist violence, is a matter of concern

Mr. President,

While sharing these concerns, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations to the Canadian Government:

-To take effective legal measures with a view to the adoption of a national plan of action so that the rights of indigenous peoples will be respected and all forms of violence against Aboriginal women and girls will be ended.

- To withdraw its reservations made to article 37 (c) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and to establish a federal Children's Ombudsman;

- To ratify the 1960 Convention against Discrimination in Education.

- To establish a comprehensive legal framework in such a manner that the provisions of the CRC and its Optional Protocols will be fully incorporated.

- To remove disparities in the implementation of anti-racism legislation, policies, programs and best practices; and ensure, without discrimination, the enjoyment of all people living under its jurisdiction of the rights set forth in ICERD by, *inter alia*, adopting new federal laws.

I thank you.