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**Statement of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Before the 16th Session of the Universal Periodic Review
On review of Germany**

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Mr President,

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

We would like to draw the attention of this august body to the Compilation report, prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR) in which, among other issues, some concerns have been raised in respect of the violation of human rights by the Government, particularly with regard to the racism, Islamophobia, xenophobia and religious intolerance

Madam president,

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

-To take effective legal measures to prevent and combat the dissemination of racist, xenophobic and Islamophobic propaganda, particularly, in the press and on the Internet.

- To take effective legal measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against women and children, in particular women and children belong 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.

-Take all necessary measures to submit a report for the eighth consultation on the measures taken to implement the Convention against discrimination in Education.

- Finally, to pass a law with an explicit provision that racist motivation should be taken into account as a specific aggravating circumstance for the purpose of sentencing in relevant crimes.

I thank you.