

Statement of the Islamic Republic of Iran
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Mr. President,

Islamic Republic of Iran warmly welcomes the delegation of the Russian Federation led by H.E Mr. Konovalov , distinguished Minister of Justice, and highly appreciates them for their presentation as well as their comprehensive national report.

My delegation considers the active participation of the Russian Federation in the second cycle of UPR mechanism as a constructive step towards the promotion and protection of human rights in the Country.

We also recognize the magnitude of the Russian Federation's efforts on improving its citizen's quality of life by increasing significantly its investment in health and education sections.

In this connection, my delegation, would like to make the following two recommendations to the Russian Federation for consideration:

- To continue its endeavors for effective protection of social and economic rights of its citizens.
- To maintain and strengthen its initiatives on the promotion and Protection of the rights of the child particularly with regard to children with disabilities.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I would like to wish every success for the Government for further promotion and protection of human rights of its people.

Thank you