

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

Geneva, 24 April 2013

Mr. President,

The Islamic Republic of Iran warmly welcomes the delegation of Uzbekistan led by Mr. Akmal SAIDOV chairman of the National Human Rights Center of Uzbekistan and highly appreciates them for their presentation as well as their comprehensive national report.

My delegation also would like to recognize the significant progress made by Uzbekistan for the promotion and protection of human rights of its people since the first cycle of its UPR, particularly a number of amendments which were made to the Constitution with a view to improvement of their socio-economic and political life.

~~Mr. President,~~ President,

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations to Uzbekistan:

- To continue its legal efforts on the improvement of the health care system, particularly, for mothers and child;
- To expedite its efforts in combating against trafficking of women and girls through, inter alia, increasing its cooperation with international, regional and bilateral mechanism;
- To keep on its effective measures for further promotion and protection of the right of child;

- Finally, to continue its legal measures on ratification of CRPD which had been signed by the government in early 2009.

Let me conclude by wishing success for the delegation of Uzbekistan for further promotion and protection of human rights.

Thank you