

Statement of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Before the 17th Session of the U.P.R Working Group
On review of Israeli regime
Geneva, 29 October 2013

Mr. President,

The Human Rights Council adopted a decision on 29 January 2013, based on which the UPR of Israeli regime was rescheduled for the 17th Session of the UPR Working Group at the latest. It also mandated the HRC President to take all appropriate steps and measures, in accordance with his mandate, to urge it to resume its cooperation with the UPR mechanism.

The persistent non-cooperation of the Israeli regime with the Universal Periodic Review mechanism as stipulated in article 38 of IB Text, seriously jeopardizes the periodicity, sanctity, reliability, credibility and integrity of the whole process of the UPR.

It is unfortunate that despite systematic and flagrant violation of international obligations by Israeli regime on human rights mechanism, the continuation of which would endanger the credibility of the H.R council, no concrete actions have been yet taken. To this end, I would like to reiterate that the time is now right for collective action to protect the rights of Palestinians and alleviate the suffering of innocent people.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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