

**Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran**

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**Mr. President,**

The Islamic Republic of Iran thanks the delegation of Malta for its introductory statement and instructive national report.

We would like to express our concern over a number of human rights violations in Malta, as follows:

- Manifestations of racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia in the Country against Migrants,
- The poor conditions of detention centers,
- Also most of human trafficking cases prosecuted since 2006, are still pending and no victim of trafficking was awarded compensation.

In this connection, we would like to make the following recommendations to Malta:

- To intensify its efforts to stem the development of racism and xenophobia and to ensure that the materials which published in media, do not contribute to creating an atmosphere of hostility, intolerance and rejection towards migrants.

- To improve the conditions in administrative detention centers and to ensure that the open centers meet adequate standards of living at all times.
- To apply a victim-centered approach towards victims of trafficking.
- To amend the Criminal Injuries Compensation Regulations so that all victims of trafficking have access to State compensation.

**Thank you, Mr. President.**