

**Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran**

**Before the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group**

**On review of Mexico**

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**Mr. President,**

We welcome the delegation of Mexico and thank them for presenting the update national report as well as the statement which has been submitted to the Working Group.

My delegation would like to draw the attention of this august Working Group to the compilation reports of treaty bodies, special procedures, and the Office of the High Commissioner which have raised , among others, some concerns about the violation of human rights by the government of Mexico particularly on, violations of the human rights of indigenous people, racial discrimination and use of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment in prisons and commercial Sexual and exploitation of Children;

Sharing with this concern, My delegation would like to make the following recommendations to Mexico:

-To promote regional development in indigenous areas and strengthening local economies and to improve living conditions for them .

- To implement a comprehensive, rights-based criminal and prison policy as well as policies designed to eradicate prison violence and ensure that investigations are undertaken to determine the identities of those responsible for any disproportionate use of force and acts of torture against members of the prison population.

- To set up a comprehensive system to protect children's rights and develop a national strategy to prevent and address all forms of violence,

-To develop a national protocol for searching reportedly disappeared persons and to investigate allegations of human rights violations and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice and victims receive reparations;

**Thank you,**