

**Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran**

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**Review of Monaco**

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**Mr. President,**

The Islamic Republic of Iran would like to thank the delegation of Monaco for the informative statement delivered on its human rights achievements at national level since its first UPR.

My delegation expresses its concern over a number of human rights violations in Monaco including distinction existing between native Monegasques and naturalized Monegasques, which have introduced a form of discrimination when it came to exercising their rights associated with citizenship.

In this connection, Monegasque legislation had led to the creation of various groups of foreigners with different rights and protection according to their nationality or connections with the Country. Therefore, we would like to make the following recommendations to Monaco:

- To make specific provision in its criminal law for preventing and combating racist motivations which constitute an aggravating circumstance in the Country.
- To review and abolish those legal and practical measures which precluded the naturalized Monegasques, being eligible for elections in particular Articles 54 and 79 of the Constitution in order to remove any inappropriate differentiation between its citizens.

- To enact a specific law outlawing racist or xenophobic attitudes and prohibiting the display of racist symbols or signs reflecting a racist ideology in sport.

**Thank you, Mr. President**