

Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran

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Mr. President,

I would like to thank the distinguished delegation of Chile for the informative statement delivered on the implementation of recommendations received during the first cycle of the UPR.

However, a number of issues of concern exist which require further explanation by the Chilean delegation as follows:

- Persistent various forms of discrimination against migrants, indigenous peoples, children, refugees, persons with disabilities, persons from disadvantaged social and economic backgrounds and persons living in rural areas.

- Torture is not defined as a specific offence under the Criminal Code of Chile.

- Prisons are still seriously overcrowded at 25 per cent above capacity, infrastructure remained deficient, and conditions are still unsanitary.

- Action to address trafficking in human beings is centered on criminal prosecution and that prevention, protection and victim support are accorded only secondary importance.

- Complaints of police violence are heard before military courts and the level of impunity is high.

Mr. President,

For that reason, we would like to make the following recommendations to Chile:

- To review and reform the criminal code in order to define and penalize the offence of torture
- To take all measures to establish a legal framework to address the issues affecting the migrant population, minorities, refugees and indigenous people
- To adopt a specific law to prevent and combat the sexual exploitation of children
- To reform the military justice system to exclude civilians from its jurisdiction and be used only to hear offences arising in the context of military duties
- Put an end to the impunity for those who committed severe crimes
- To take immediate effective legal and practical measures to prevent and combat trafficking in persons, in particular women and children and make the offenders accountable
- To establish an effective system to address and prevent violence against women.

Thank you, Mr. President