

**Statement of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Before the 18^h Session of the UPR Eritrea**

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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to welcome the delegation of Eritrea and thank them for the update report on the situation of human rights in the country since 30 November 2009.

We consider the active participation of Eritrea in the second cycle of UPR mechanism as a step towards the promotion and protection of human rights of its people.

My delegation acknowledges the challenges that the government faced in the achievements of most of socio-economic areas such as education, health care, economic growth and social justice.

We would like to make the following recommendations to Eritrea:

1. To improve legal measures on poverty eradication and an adequate standard of living.
2. To continue its efforts on health, education and social service system, in order to help the vulnerable and disabled people particularly women and children.

Finally, my delegation recommends that the working group adopts the report of UPR of Eritrea.

Thank you,