

**Statement of the Islamic Republic of Iran  
Before the 18<sup>h</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group**

**On Review of Slovakia**

**Geneva, 3 February 2014**

**Mr. President,**

My delegation takes note the national report as well as the introductory statement delivered by the distinguished delegation of Slovakia.

The compilation report of the Office of the High Commissioner has raised, among others, some concerns on the violation of human rights by the government of Slovakia particularly on a growing number of violence against Roma people, including verbal and physical attacks which have been remained caught in a spiral of exclusion and discrimination against them and also physical ill-treatment of detained persons by police officers in detainees.

**Mr. President,**

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations to Slovakia:

- 1-To take more resolute legal and practical measures to combat intolerance based on ethnic origin and take further steps to promote

mutual understanding and respect between persons belonging to various groups;

2- To increase its efforts to combat against racist attacks committed by law enforcement personnel, particularly against the Roma.

3-To ensure that the assistance is provided to all victims of human trafficking and that the authorities devise specific programmes aiming at the reintegration of victims of human trafficking into the labor market and education system.

4-To investigate and prosecute all perpetrators of violence and hate crimes against Roma and to amend the Criminal Code so as to introduce and adopt more strong punishments for racially motivated crimes committed by police officers.

Thank you