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**The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran
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Review of Norway
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Mr. President,

I would like to thank the delegation of Norway for the national report delivered to the Working Group. In this regard, while being concerned over a number of human rights issues in the Country, we would like to make the following recommendations to Norway:

- To develop a comprehensive strategy to prevent, prohibit and combat hate speech, as a matter of priority, including measures to effectively investigate and prosecute related offences;
- To adopt vigorous legal and practical measures to stop and combat all forms of discrimination against persons from immigrant background especially Muslims;
- To take effective measures to improve the situation of the Roma and Romani/Tatars minorities and ensure that all forms of discrimination against them in the provision of services are firmly opposed and appropriately sanctioned;
- To take appropriate measures to effectively support the cultures of persons belonging to national minorities, in particular by preserving their languages;
- To ensure the right to education for Roma children and to intensify the measures taken to remedy the difficulties encountered by Roma and Romani/Tatars children in the education system; and find solutions suited to the particular lifestyle of Roma;
- To strengthen its efforts to provide assistance to victims of trafficking such as access to education, vocational training and the labour market.

Thank you,