

**Intervention of Bangladesh on UPR of Iran**

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Mr. President, given its history of rich civilization, culture and tradition, it is expected that Iran would naturally uphold traditional social values, which is manifested in the Government's efforts to promote and protect human rights while striving to meet socio-economic aspirations of its people. We have noted with satisfaction that the country is on track to achieve most of the Millennium Development Goals, notably Goal 1, Goal 2, Goal 4 and Goal 5. We also welcome the move to appoint women in senior government positions as well as the establishment of the Office of Vice-President for Women and Family Affairs. These significant steps are testimony to effective government policies and programmes.

Mr. President, although the main components of human development had improved significantly in economic terms in Iran, the country still faced challenges like most other developing countries. CESCR expressed concern about the high level of poverty in some regions, despite the macroeconomic achievements of Iran and about high dropout rates of girls from schools.

We recommend that Iran:

1. Continues its efforts to eradicate poverty; and
2. Strengthens policies to prevent school drop-out.

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