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Mr. President,

Bosnia and Herzegovina welcomes the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the 20<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR and thanks the head of delegation for the comprehensive presentation of the national report.

According to the information provided in the National Report, we welcome positive steps vis-à-vis cooperation with UN human rights treaty bodies and other UN bodies too.

While expressing our sincere expectation that the Islamic Republic of Iran will further develop its national system of the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, we raise the following recommendations:

1. To fully cooperate with and allow visits of the UN Special Rapporteurs,
2. To take additional steps to improve gender equality and enhance women position in marriage, divorce, nationality, custody of children and inheritance,
3. To reform laws that contain discriminatory provisions and
4. To address the serious problem with landmines. Bearing in mind the fact that the Iranian government itself reported that 16 million landmines were laid during the Iran-Iraq war of 1980-1988 and that southern provinces in particular are severely affected, we encourage the Government of Iran to ratify the Ottawa Treaty.

Thank you Mr. President.