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Mr. President,

Brunei Darussalam warmly welcomes H.E Dr. Mohammad Javad Ardeshir Larijani, Secretary General of the High Council for Human Rights and Advisor to the Chief of Judiciary on International Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran and his delegation and thanks him for the comprehensive presentation.

Brunei Darussalam welcomes the Iranian government's efforts to ensure the promotion and protection of the vulnerable groups, especially women, children and the disabled. In this relation, we note that comprehensive approach has been taken in the areas of education, health, and social empowerment and integration to empower these groups. Brunei Darussalam therefore **recommends** that the government continues to implement these programmes through the established national mechanisms as well as with the relevant NGOs and international organisations.

We are also encouraged by the initiatives to enhance the health services coverage in the country, such as through the setting up of the health network to provide direct "primary healthcare" access to 100 percent of the urban population and more than 95 percent of the rural population. In this regard, Brunei Darussalam **recommends** the Iranian government to continue carrying out these efforts according to its national development plans.

Finally, we welcome Iran's continued commitment towards the promotion and protection of human rights, both regionally and internationally. As a member of NAM, Brunei Darussalam appreciates Iran's active role as the coordinator of the NAM Group in Geneva, and its valuable efforts to facilitate the Group's various initiatives.

Thank you.