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Recommendations by Canada for Iran's UPR

Question

Can the delegation provide an update on recommendations made by Canada and accepted by Iran in 2010, but which have not been implemented?

Recommendations

Canada recommends that Iran:

1. Investigate and prosecute all persons those responsible for the mistreatment or abuse of detained persons in Iran, including during the attacks on prisoners in Evin prison in April 2014 and in the wake of the 2009 presidential election.
2. Revise the Islamic Penal Code to ensure consistency with its international obligations, including article 6 of the ICCPR, so that the death penalty is reserved for most serious crimes, never imposed for crimes committed by persons below eighteen years of age, and never imposed arbitrarily.
3. Take legislative and administrative measures to remove legal restrictions and social barriers to women's equal participation in the work force and access to education and government decision-making positions.
4. Amend its press law to define the exceptions to article 24 of its Constitution in specific terms that do not infringe upon freedom of expression.
5. End discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Observation

Canada is greatly concerned by Iran's failure to apply standards of due process and rule of law in the execution of Ms. Reyhaneh Jabbari.