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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Iran presided by H.E. Dr. Mohamed Larijani the Secretary General of the High Council for Human Rights.

We take positive note of the efforts by the Government of Iran to implement the accepted recommendations of the last UPR. Among the important institutional reforms that can be highlighted in this regard are the enactment of the organizational law of the administrative justice court, the establishment of the office of Vice-President for Women and Family Affairs, and the designation of a national focal point for the Convention on the Rights of the Child. We are also encouraged by the progress achieved by Iran on a handful of the MDGs. We welcome the signature of the 2nd CRC Optional Protocol, and look forward for the finalization of the process of ratifying it.

In conclusion, we recommend the following for the kind consideration of the Government of Iran:

- 1- To continue to strengthen its national human rights mechanisms, including through finalizing the process aimed at ensuring the conformity of the National Human Rights Institution with the Paris Principles.
- 2- To consider the possibility of acceding to the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers.
- 3- To strengthen the efforts to allow greater role for women in social and economic development.
- 4- To continue the national efforts in the area of social inclusion of persons with disabilities, including through ensuring their enjoyment of the right to education without discrimination.

I thank you.
