

Statement by Hungary on Iran
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Mr. President,

Let me thank the delegation of Iran for the country's national report and update under the UPR. Hungary deeply appreciates Iran's engagement in this process but regrets that cooperation with other UN mechanisms is less forthcoming. We also note with concern that according to UN reports there has been no improvement in the situation of religious and ethnic minorities and that torture and other forms of ill-treatment are still frequently occurring in Iran. In view of this, we make the following **recommendations** to the Government:

1. to cooperate fully with UN experts and rapporteurs, including the Special Rapporteur on human rights in Iran, in line with the standing invitation issued by the Government;
2. to put a complete moratorium on the use of the death penalty and short of such a decision, to prohibit the death penalty for juvenile offenders and to abandon the practice of public executions;
3. to take urgent legislative, as well as practical steps beyond those cited in the national UPR report to protect the rights of religious and ethnic minorities;
4. to ensure that those who commit torture are held accountable and to ratify CAT and its optional protocol.

Thank you, Mr. President!