

**Italian intervention**

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Thank you.

Italy thanks Iran for its commitment in participating in the UPR and welcomes its distinguished delegation.

Appreciating the progress achieved so far towards the realization of human rights in various areas, Italy **recommends** Iran:

1. to ban executions against juvenile offenders, while at the same time providing for alternative punishments in line with the new Iranian Penal Code;
2. to consider introducing a moratorium on the death penalty, with a view to its abolition, in particular for drug related offences and other crimes that cannot be labeled as “most serious” ones according to international standards;
3. to amend the civil code, in order to bring to 18 years old the legal marriage age for both boys and girls, and repeal the amendment to the Law on the Protection of Children and Adolescents with No Guardian which allows for marriage between adoptive parents and their adopted child;
4. to enhance efforts to concretely recognize equal rights to all Iranian citizens, irrespective of their religious affiliation, including the rights to promote their religion, to change religion, to complete university studies and to be hired as civil servants or members of the armed forces.
5. to engage in order to address any form of discrimination against LGBTI people and in particular to prevent any practice which can harm their dignity, such as unnecessary sex reassignment surgery, especially when carried out without duly informed consent.

I thank you.

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