



Statement

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Mr. President,

The Lao delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the 20th Session of the UPR Working Group and would like to thank for a comprehensive National Report for the Second Cycle of the UPR.

My delegation takes note that Iran has implemented recommendations accepted during its first UPR review, and has introduced a number of new national laws and mechanisms, which create enable conditions for ensuring the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

The Lao PDR is pleased to note that Iran ranks amongst the world's six most successful countries in educational gender parity and also one of the first countries to have either reached its MDGs targets before 2015 or events faster. We commend efforts taken by Iran in promoting women and children rights and health care services, eradicating poverty and protecting the rights of people with disabilities by reserving 3 percent of all Government posts for persons with disability.

In this regard, my delegation wishes to recommend that the Government of Iran to continue its cooperation with the UN and other International Organizations to overcome the remaining constraints and challenges.

We wish Iran a very success in its Second Cycle of UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President