

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
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REVIEW OF IRAN

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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr President,

The Nigerian delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Human Rights Council and wishes to express our solidarity with them for their cooperation and determination to continue engagement with the UPR process and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

We commend the Government of Iran on the adoption of the New Criminal Procedure Law to facilitate demands for Justice in particular the steps being taken by the Government to ensure the release of prisoners of conscience.

My delegation also acknowledges the establishment of the National Convention on the Rights of the Child as this will be significant in training, promoting and protecting the rights of the child.

While encouraging the Islamic Republic of Iran to continue with its facilitation of the dispensation of human rights, we urge the government to

- I. Extend the benefits of its health insurance to all citizens;
- II. accelerate work towards the attainment of the MDGS for all Iranians; and to
- III. Release all human rights defenders and lawyers currently serving lengthy sentences.

Finally Mr. President, the delegation of Nigeria wishes to encourage the Human Rights Council and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to continue to work harmoniously together to resolve all areas of disagreement that may still exist.

I thank you.
