

**Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Iran**  
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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Iran led by H.E. Dr. Mohammad Javad Ardeshir Larijani, Secretary of the High Council for Human Rights and Advisor to the Chief of Judiciary on International Affairs for the presentation of their 2nd national report on UPR.

We commend Iran for adopting the new *criminal procedure law 2014* and the promulgation of *Law on protection of children and adolescents without parental care or negligent parents*.

The passing of the "Protection of Legal Freedoms and Citizens' Rights Act", establishment of a Commission on the citizen's rights of the accused, reinforcement of legal and judicial departments, Healthy Mothers and Children's Nutrition Program and "Maskan-e-Mehr" (benevolent housing) program are some of the admirable steps taken by Iran for implementation of its first UPR cycle recommendations.

In conclusion, my delegation would like to recommend to Iran to:

1. Continue efforts to improve and strengthen women's status in the society;
2. Continue to pursue the adoption and implementation of administrative measures aimed at the promotion and protection of the rights of the child;
3. Continue its efforts aimed at improving access to health services; and
4. Pursue to further its policies regarding human rights education and training for law enforcement officials.

I thank you.