

**Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran**

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**Mr. President,**

My delegation would like to welcome the delegation of Iraq headed by deputy Minister of human rights and thank them for delivering the update report on the human rights situation in the country.

We praise active participation of Iraq in the process of the UPR mechanism as well as its continued commitment for implementation of the recommendations of the first cycle.

We also commend the efforts made by the government since 2010 in the promotion and protection of human rights, despite the challenges and difficulties that impede the implementation of its programs.

**Mr. President,**

Islamic Republic of Iran is gravely concerned and unequivocally condemns the activities of terrorist and Takfiri groups such as ISIS in Iraq who are brutally involved in mass killing of innocent people in particular women and children.

Certainly, atrocities committed by these groups have resulted in violation of human rights of the Iraqi people.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations to the government for its consideration:

- To intensify its effort in flied of literacy program.
- To keep on its efforts on poverty reduction through the national anti-poverty strategy.

**Thank you, Mr. President**

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