

**Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran  
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Review of Armenia  
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*In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful*

**Mr. President,**

My delegation would like to warmly welcome the delegation of Armenia Headed by H. E. Mr. Ashot Hovakimian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and thank them for the comprehensive national report presented to the Working Group.

We appreciate the positive approach of the Government of Armenia towards the UPR process and acknowledge the steps they have taken to implement the recommendations received during its first cycle of the UPR. We are also convinced that the efforts made in addressing the scourge of human trafficking and domestic violence would result in better protection of the rights of women and children and the rights of those who are victims of trafficking as such.

Moreover, the special attention paid by Armenia, through a number of measures and in particular the Strategic Program for the Protection of the Rights of the Child, in order to improve the children rights and their well-being both in the family and society is commendable.

In this context, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations to Armenia:

1. To continue its endeavor to promote and protect the rights of the child;
2. To increase its efforts to combat human trafficking and protect victims of trafficking specially women and children.

Thank you

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