

**Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran
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Review of Spain
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Mr. President,

The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the delegation of Spain and thanks them for the report presented to the Working Group.

We express our concern over a number of human rights issues in the country including the situation of Roma and Sinti communities, violence against children, continued racial discrimination against ethnic and religious minorities mainly Muslim people and discriminatory treatment against migrants.

In this regard, we would like to make the following recommendations to Spain:

1. To ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;
2. To abolish incommunicado detention, and ensure that all suspects in police custody have prompt and immediate access to a lawyer;
3. To combat discriminatory behavior by members of the law enforcement forces and to ensure that any racially-motivated misconduct is effectively investigated and adequately punished;
4. To guarantee that the right to worship of minorities, including Muslims, is fully

respected in practice;

5. To combat effectively violence against children resulting from the sexual abuse of minors;

6. To address the youth unemployment and combat effectively the existing discrimination against migrants in terms of their working conditions and requirements governing access to employment;

7. To adopt legislative measures strengthening the protection of unaccompanied foreign minors;

Thank you.
