

Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran

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Mr. President,

We thank the delegation of Sweden for the informative report delivered to the working Group.

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My delegation expresses serious concerns over a number of human rights issues in Sweden including, racist and xenophobic crimes against Roma and Sinti and hate crimes against minorities, targeting Muslims with harassment, verbal threats, sabotage and vandalism. There are also well-documented discrepancies in health care provided to persons with disabilities.

Mr. President,

We would like to make the following recommendations to Sweden:

- To take measures to improve the situation of persons belonging to the Roma and other minorities and improve their access to justice,
- To adopt vigorous measures to combat all forms of discrimination against persons with immigrant background,

- To implement a ban on racist organizations and activities, and take all necessary measures to ensure greater effectiveness of legislation on hate crimes,
- To ensure effective protection of Muslim minorities, including their places of worship,
- To take appropriate measures to effectively support the cultures of persons belonging to national minorities,
- To fully incorporate the CRC and its optional protocols in Swedish legislation so as to end child prostitution, child pornography and trafficking of children for sexual purposes.

Thank you, Mr. President.