

Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran

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Mr. President,

The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the delegation of Belarus, and commends active participation of Belarus in the UPR mechanism , we thank the delegation for information given to the WG on the progress made on the implementation of recommendations of the first cycle of the UPR.

We have also taken note of the measures of the Government to implement the recommendations of the first UPR on the protection of the rights of the child including the provision of palliative care for children, which resulted in a steady increase in the number of children receiving alternative family care.

We appreciate the Government for the positive developments in the area of health and medical care and the fact that Belarusian legislation guarantees the right to receive free medical assistance in State medical establishments.

We further noted that the Government had taken some measures to eliminate domestic violence and to protect women's rights, to support people with disabilities and to widen the inclusion of ethnic minorities.

The Islamic Republic of Iran offers the following recommendations to Belarus respectfully:

-To continue its efforts to eliminate poverty, paying particular attention to the situation of children, single parents and the rural population.

- To continue its measures to protect the rights of persons with disabilities.

Thank you, Mr. President