

The statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran

On UPR of USA

Before the 22 th session of the working group of UPR

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Mr. President,

The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the delegation of the USA to the 22nd UPR Working Group and recommends that the United States:

- 1- Ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD);
- 2- Uphold its obligations to end all forms of racial discrimination in the country and protect the rights of African Americans against police brutality;
- 3- Take all legal measures to adopt and implement a national racial justice plan consistent with the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;
- 4- End discrimination in law and practice against all minorities and migrants, particularly against women and children from poor families and take effective steps to prevent and combat violence against them;
- 5- Investigate torture allegations, extrajudicial executions and other violations of human rights committed in Guantánamo, Abu Ghraib, Bagram, NAMA and BALAD camps and to subsequently close them.

Mr. President,

We are deeply concerned that the definition of racial discrimination used in federal and state legislation and in court practice is not in line with the Convention of the ICERD. We call upon the United States to, inter alia, prohibit racial discrimination in all its forms and broaden the protection afforded by law.

We share concerns raised by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at the disproportionate number of young African Americans who had died

in encounters with police officers, or who were in prisons and on death row. In this vein, we also continue our concern over the failure of the US to close the Guantanamo prison.

We are concerned about the practice of targeted killings in extraterritorial counter-terrorism operations using unmanned aerial vehicles, and the lack of accountability for the resulting loss of life. We urge the United States to disclose the criteria for drone strikes, including the legal basis for specific attacks.

We hope that the US government would prohibit child prostitution and the sale of children at a federal and state level, and the decriminalization of the involvement of children in prostitution.

I thank you.
