

Intervention by I.R of Iran

On UPR of Austria

The 23rd session of the working group of UPR ,

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Mr.President

At the outset, the I.R of Iran warmly welcomes the delegation of Austria to the 23rd session of the working group of UPR and thanks for the submission of their national report.

The I.R of Iran welcomes the Government efforts to expand the normative and institutional framework for the protection of human rights which based on a strong constitution and legislation, in particular a considerable improvement of the human rights protection system which has been achieved with the administrative reform. ✕

Mr.President

The report raises some concerns that possible victims of trafficking residing illegally in Austria and placed under police detention are at the risk of being deported before they had been identified. Therefore, the Government should ensure that victims of human trafficking are properly identified, and develop a clear institutional and procedural framework for the repatriation and return of victims of human trafficking, with due regard to their safety, dignity and protection.

Mr president,

The I.R of Iran is deeply concerned about the increasing number of hate crimes against members of the Roma and Muslim communities and encourages for the swift and substantive action towards better human rights protection in the country. In this way, we would like to make the following recommendations:

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- End discrimination in law and practice against religious and ethnic minorities, in particular against Muslims and ensure full protection of their rights.

- Improve the investigation of alleged human rights violations by law enforcement officials, including by establishing an independent mechanism to investigate such allegations, with the power to order disciplinary proceedings and refer cases directly to the judicial authorities.

- Review the effectiveness of existing legislation to combat racism, hate crime and hate speech.

I thank you