

**Statement of the Islamic Republic of Iran**  
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**Review of the Republic of Belgium**  
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*In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful*

**Mr. President,**

The Islamic Republic of Iran takes note of the statement delivered by the delegation of Belgium on its human rights achievements since the first cycle of the UPR.

We note the legal measures have been taken by the government of Belgium on the right to health. Meanwhile, we express our concern over the increasing of racial discrimination, racism, xenophobia and related intolerance as well as Islamophobia in the society.

**Mr. President,**

We would like to present the following recommendations to Belgium for its consideration:

- To adopt an interfederal plan to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

- To take all legal measures to immediately put an end to racially motivated violence and ill-treatment by police officers of persons with an immigrant background,
- To adopt specific legislation on domestic violence, especially violence against women and children,
- To ensure all persons who are held in custody have the benefit, from the very outset of their deprivation of liberty, of all the fundamental legal safeguards.

Thank you,