

Statement of the Islamic Republic of Iran
24st Session of the UPR Working Group
Review of The Republic of the Estonia
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In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. President,

At the outset, the Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the high level delegation of the Estonia in its second UPR.

While we take note the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by Estonia, we call the government to prepare a national strategy for its implementation in close co-operation with people with disabilities and organizations representing them.

At the same time, we express our concern regarding discrimination against ethnic and religious minorities as well as detained persons by police, especially when a minor is detained as a criminal suspect.

Mr. President,

The Islamic Republic of Iran recommends to the Government of the Estonia:

- To take measures, while fully respecting freedom of expression, to curtail stereotyping of minorities, particularly the Muslim community in the society.

- To ensure that all persons detained by the police are fully informed of their fundamental rights as from the very outset of their deprivation of liberty.

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- To take necessary measures against discrimination based on ethnic, religious origin and language in employment and to prosecute such cases

Finally, we wish the delegation of the Estonia a successful review meeting.

Thank you,
