

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

Mr. President,

The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the delegation of Paraguay and thanks them for their report submitted to the working group.

We take positive note of the steps taken by Paraguay for implementation of the recommendations since its first cycle of the UPR.

We also take note of the Paraguay's efforts to ratify legal instruments on the rights of indigenous peoples, however the absence of a comprehensive policy protecting the rights of indigenous peoples especially indigenous children is a matter of our concern.

While we welcome the adoption of the national policy for preventing and combating trafficking in persons, we express our concern regarding the high rates of the trafficking in persons. We are confident that Paraguay will take concrete measures to combat human trafficking.

Mr. President,

The Islamic Republic of Iran would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Paraguay:

- To adopt a law prohibiting all forms of discrimination against indigenous communities and guarantee access to comprehensive quality education for Guarani speakers.
- To adopt ~~the~~ legislation clearly prohibiting all corporal punishment of children in all settings.
- To put an end to trafficking in persons, particularly for purposes of sexual exploitation or child labour.

Thank you,
