

Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran

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Mr. President,

The Islamic Republic of Iran would like to welcome the delegation of Greece and expresses its appreciation for the country's efforts in implementing the recommendations of the first cycle of Universal Periodic Review.

We welcome the steps taken by the Greek authorities to mitigate the negative impacts of the economic crisis and the ensuring austerity measures on the economic, social and cultural rights of the most disadvantaged population groups.

However, my delegation would like to present the following recommendations to the government of Greece:

- Continue to raise, in the negotiations with international lenders, the need to protect economic, social and cultural rights in the context of the national assistance program, bearing in mind that the institutions involved, including international financial institutions, should fully take into consideration Greece's obligations under the relevant human rights treaties,
- Take necessary steps for the implementation of the relevant legal and policy framework, with a view to combat effectively trafficking in persons, identifying victims, providing them with all necessary assistance and support, and prosecuting traffickers.

- finalize as soon as possible the National Action Plan on the Rights of the Child and address, as a matter of priority, the issue of unaccompanied children.

In conclusion, we wish Greece delegation every success for this second cycle.

I thank you, Mr. President