**Statement** (1 minute)

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**Thank you Mr. President;**

The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes delegation of **Mexico** to this UPR session.

My delegation expresses its concern about the unjustified restrictions imposed on the exercise of freedom of expression and the right to political participation in Mexico. We also caution against the escalating incidence of gender-based political violence in the country.

Iran recommends **Mexico:**

1. To ensure impartial investigation of violent attacks against religious leaders and places of worship, and ensure accountability for perpetrators and justice for victims;
2. To take necessary legislative measures to respect the right to freedom of opinion and expression without fear of reprisals,
3. To enhance the implementation of effective measures aimed at promoting the rights of women and girls and safeguarding them against all forms of violence, particularly in rural and indigenous areas.

Iran wishes **Mexico** a successful review.

**I thank you Mr. President**