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Statement

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**Thank you Mr. President,**

The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the **Republic of Cyprus’** delegation.

Since the last UPR cycle, no improvement had been noted regarding racial discrimination, ill-treatment of migrants, and human trafficking and it seems that there is no effective mechanism or policy in place to combat discrimination and hate speech against minorities nor any effective prosecution of hate crimes.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, Iran offers the following **three** recommendations to **the Republic of Cyprus:**

**One**: to enact laws that effectively prohibit racism and discrimination against in all its manifestations, and implement administrative measures aimed at identifying and addressing discriminatory practices experienced by monitories**;**

**Two**: To bring the conditions in reception facilities for asylum seekers and migrants into line with international law standards and to ensure that they enjoy effective access to all necessary services in; and

**Three:** To improve its methods and means of identifying trafficking victims, including adopting a plan to limit trafficking, and to continue its efforts to prosecute offenders, provide victim services and adopt the most efficient reporting methods.

**Thank you, Mr. President.**