**Statement**

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**Mr. Vice President,**

The Islamic Republic of Iran thanks **Dominican Republic** for presentation of its national report.

We express our concern over the escalating prevalence of hate speech, violence, and discrimination against migrants and individuals of foreign descent in the Dominican Republic.

Furthermore, despite **the Dominican Republic**'s progress in certain human rights areas, it still grapples with challenges in ensuring its citizens' enjoyment of economic, social, and cultural rights, including universal access to education, decent work, and healthcare. Particularly, issues persist in rural areas concerning children, women, and individuals of foreign descent, necessitating effective and targeted government’s measures to address these challenges.

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

1. To implement concrete measures with the aim of removing barriers to healthcare access and establishing a comprehensive, inclusive, and non-discriminatory public healthcare system.

2. To enhance supportive policies ensuring that persons with disabilities have access to justice, particularly focusing on women and children with disabilities.

3. To implement targeted national policies and strategies aimed at reducing the poverty rate in rural areas.

Iran wishes the **Dominican Republic** a successful review.

**Thank you, Mr. Vice President.**