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Statement

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**Mr. President,**

The Islamic Republic of Iran joins the UNHCR, UN Human Rights Committee, and Working Group on Arbitrary Detention in their concerns regarding the imprisonment of asylum seekers, the use of police facilities for immigration purposes, and reports of human rights violations involving migrant labors.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, Iran offers the following **four** recommendations to **New Zealand:**

1. To modify the Immigration (Mass Arrivals) Amendment Bill's provisions for asylum seekers traveling in groups and bring New Zealand's detention policy in line with international law and standards;
2. To take the necessary steps to protect Māori, guarantee their full and equal involvement in both public and private life, and prevent familial and sexual violence, particularly directed towards women and Māori;
3. To uphold the right to education comprehensively within the legislation, in order to ensure the right to inclusive education, in particular for students with disabilities and students from indigenous communities;
4. To cease complying with the unlawful unilateral sanctions and promulgating UCMs, as doing so would violate human rights.

**Thank you, Mr. President.**