**Statement**

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**Thank you Mr. Vice-President;**

The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the delegation of **North Macedonia** to this UPR session.

 The contribution of **North Macedonia** in the violation of the human rights of the people of sanctioned countries by compliance to such illegal measures is concerning.

The conditions of prisons and the work of the police and the prison police are among the concerns that have garnered significant attention.

The human rights of minorities in **North Macedonia** raise significant concerns regarding their access to education, healthcare, social services, housing, and employment, as well as their limited participation in economic, social, and political life. Additionally, they are often targets of discrimination, hate speech, and hate crimes.

Iran offers the following recommendations to **North Macedonia:**

1. To take measures to ensure that state and private sectors refrain from engaging in unilateral coercive measures that violate the human rights of people in countries under these illegal measures.
2. To take specific and implementable measures to effectively combat human trafficking and to support the victims in particular women and children;
3. Establishing transparent and effective oversight mechanisms to ensure that government policies aimed at realizing the economic, social, and cultural rights of all citizens including minorities, such as their access to education, healthcare, housing, and other essential public services, are sufficiently effective.

The Islamic Republic of Iran wishes **North Macedonia** a successful review.

**I thank you Mr. Vice-President**