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**Statement by Australia**

Thank you, [President/Vice President].

[Australia thanks the delegation of Iran for their presentation].

While Australia acknowledges the participation of women and girls in formal education, we remain deeply concerned by ongoing and systematic violations of their rights.

Australia is alarmed by Iran’s increased application of the death penalty.

Australia recommends **Iran**:

1. **Immediately repeal all laws that violate the rights of women and girls to participate in public life and be treated with dignity.**
2. **Establish a formal moratorium on the death penalty and immediately ban the death penalty for minors.**
3. **Ensure fully transparent and comprehensive investigations of human rights violations during the 2022 protests and hold those found responsible to account.**
4. **Guarantee the rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly in accordance with its obligations under the ICCPR.**
5. **Cooperate with UN human rights mechanisms and invite the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran to conduct a country visit.**

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