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Représentation permanente de la Belgique auprès des Nations Unies et auprès des institutions spécialisées à Genève

**WG UPR 48 – Iran**

**Intervention of Belgium**

24 January 2025

President,

Belgium welcomes Iran’s delegation. Belgium remains deeply concerned about the human rights situation in Iran and particularly about the extensive use of the death penalty and the deep-rooted discrimination against women and girls.

Belgium recommends to:

**R1.** Adopt a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty at least for crimes committed by persons under 18, in accordance with Iran’s obligations under the ICCPR and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**R2.** Repeal, amend or refrain from implementing all laws, regulations and procedures discriminating directly against women and girls, including mandatory dress codes, and take measures to ensure equality between women and men in law and practice.

**R3.** Ensure that the constitutional and legislative order guarantees the enjoyment of all human rights on an equal basis to all religious minorities including, inter alia, Bahá’ís, Christians, Jews and Muslims of every denomination on an equal basis.

Thank you.