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**48th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF IRAN**

**24 January 2025**

**Statement by the Republic of Croatia**

Mr. President,

Croatia welcomes Iran’s engagement in the UPR process and thanks them for the presentation of their report.

We remain deeply worried about the human rights situation in the country, especially regarding sharp rise in executions after the 2022 protests.

We offer, therefore, three recommendations:

1. **Immediately impose a moratorium on the use of the death penalty with a view to its complete abolition.**
2. **Amend relevant Articles from the Penal Code in order to abolish all forms of the corporal punishment, and replace them with other forms of punishment that would facilitate rehabilitation of convicted individuals.**
3. **Release all detained civil society members, and provide HRDs and journalists, a safe and secure environment to carry out their work.**

Croatia wishes Iran a successful review session.

Thank you.