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**Speaking time 1 Min 5**

**Thank you, Mr. President.**

Ghana warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran and thanks them for the informative presentation made today.

2. We commend Iran for accession to five (5) main human right treaties and for the commitments towards gender equality, evidenced by the appointment of 4 women into government, with 14 women parliamentarians, 15 deputy provincial governors, 4 city governors, and 54 country mayors.

3. In the spirit of constructive engagement, Ghana recommends to Iran to:

1. Revise existing legislation to ensure that it does not unduly restrict the exercise of freedom of Assembly and Expression in ways that are incompatible with international human rights law especially by minority groups and journalists; and
2. Consider acceding to the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

4. I thank you.