

**Statement by India at the 48th session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group (20-31 January 2025): 4th UPR of Iran, delivered by Mr. Gaurav Kumar Thakur, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of India, Geneva, 24 January 2025**

Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation and acknowledge the progress made **by Iran** on India’s recommendations during their third UPR in 2019. We also appreciate Iran’s agreement on the 2023-27 UN-SDG Cooperation Framework, their efforts to provide social insurance to non-working mothers in rural and nomadic areas, and housing for female heads of households. We note the challenges highlighted in the UN report regarding Iran’s access to life-saving medicines and medical equipment.

2. India recommends the following to Iran:

First, to establish a National Human Rights Institution on priority in accordance with principles outlined in the Paris Declaration;

Second, continue ongoing efforts to improve universal access to education and health, including for disabled, underprivileged and vulnerable groups;

Third, to strengthen legislative framework and subsequent policy implementation to improve women’s status in employment, leadership and family, aligning with the international commitments;

And fourth, to consider undertaking steps to sign and ratify Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Thank you.