

**Statement by the delegation of the Permanent Mission of the Lao PDR to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**

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**Review of the Islamic Republic of Iran, 24 January 2025 (09:00-12:30)**

* Mr. President,
* My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Iran to this UPR Cycle and thanks for the comprehensive report.
* The Lao PDR commends Iran’s strong commitment to promote and protect human rights in the country and engagement with UN human rights mechanisms, including the OHCHR, treaty bodies and special procedure. We also commend the progress made in improving children’s rights, especially bridging gender gap at the primary and secondary education.
* In this constructive spirit, the Lao PDR would like to offer two recommendations:
1. Further advancing the promotion and protection of the rights of children; and
2. Continue effort to provide necessary resources for improving education system and ensuring equal access to education by all.
* We wish Iran a successful review.
* I thank you, Mr. President.