Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We deplore Iran’s ongoing military support to the Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine.

We are also alarmed by serious human rights violations committed with impunity, including by public officials and security personnel, especially murder, imprisonment, torture, rape and other forms of sexual violence, persecution and enforced disappearance. The crackdown on civic space persists. The number of death penalties and executions is appalling.

Lithuania recommends Iran to:

-         One, ensure the protection of women and girls against all forms of violence, mistreatment and systemic discrimination.

-         Two, stop the executions and pursue a consistent policy towards the abolition of death penalty.

-         Three, immediately and unconditionally release and rehabilitate all persons arbitrarily arrested and detained in the context of the protests or for non-compliance with or advocacy against the mandatory hijab.

-        Four, ensure respect of the rights of religious minorities by ceasing all forms of discrimination and persecution of Baha‘i and other religious communities.

I Thank you.