**Statement**

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**Mr. President,**

Iran welcomes the delegation of Ecuador to this review session.

We highlight the positive aspects of the 2021–2025 Opportunity Creation Plan of Ecuador specially in the fields of fighting against all forms of malnutrition and promoting universal access to social security.

In a constructive spirit, Iran would like to recommend Ecuador to:

1. Intensify efforts to combat racial discrimination and adopt measures to combat racial prejudice in the media,
2. Ensure the right to free, prior and informed consent of indigenous peoples on policies, projects and legislation that may affect them,
3. Adopt strategies to address disparities in access to education, health services and a minimum standard of living by indigenous peoples,
4. Reduce impacts of the austerity measures and the Extended Fund Facility of the International Monetary Fund on the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights in the country,
5. Intensify the efforts to eliminate child labor by strengthening partnership with private sector.

Finally, Iran wishes Ecuador all the success in implementation of recommendations and its continued cooperation with the UPR process.

**I Thank you Mr. President**