**Statement**

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Mr. Vice-President,

The Islamic Republic of Iran thanks the Czechia delegation for its presentation.

We express our concerns on the reality that Roma people continue to experience discrimination in many areas of their daily life.

In a constructive sprit, we would like to recommend Czechia to:

1. strengthen its efforts to eliminate the discriminatory practices against the Roma community, provide them equal access to employment, education, housing, and social care and promote their social inclusion,
2. effectively prevent and combat trafficking in persons, including the cases combined with sexual exploitation of children in cyberspace,
3. avoid any segregation based on ethnic affiliation,
4. intensify its efforts to prevent and prosecute acts of domestic and sexual violence against women and girls,
5. put an end to detention of children and families of migrants, especially in closed immigration detention centers, and introduce feasible and accessible alternatives to detention, including non-custodial accommodation for migrant families with children,

We wish the Czechia a successful review.

I thank you Mr. Vice-President