**Statement**

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**بسم الله الرحمن الرحیم**

Mr. Vice-President,

At the outset, my delegation would like to express its deepest condolences on behalf of the government and people of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the occasion of the passing of His-Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Gabon.

We also thank the delegation of Gabon for their insightful presentation.

Iran welcomes the efforts of Gabon to strive the implementation of some recommendations accepted during the third cycle and its achievements in this regard.

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

1. enshrine explicitly the right to education in its Constitution as well as extend the age of free education in order to promote the inclusive education,
2. strengthen its efforts to make accessible the timely registration of births and issuance of birth certificates specially for poor mothers.
3. Accelerate its efforts to promote the right to health especially for rural women in order to control the high rate of maternal mortality and disproportionate high number of women and girls infected with HIV/AIDS.

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

I thank you Mr. Vice-President.