**Statement**

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**Mr. Vice-President,**

The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the delegation of Guatemala and thanks them for their national report.

While welcoming the progress in institutional framework of the Guatemala, inter alia the establishment of the Presidential Commission for Peace and Human Rights, we would like to offer the following recommendations in a spirit of constructive dialogue:

1. Recognize Indigenous Peoples’ rights to lands, territories and natural resources,
2. Ensure the access to justice and to prompt and effective judicial remedies for indigenous people specially for those who are forcibly displaced or evicted,
3. Promptly investigate all alleged cases of ill-treatment and violence against women in detention,
4. Provide alternatives to detention for pregnant women and mothers with young children,
5. Establish a normative and policy framework to protect children in the context of international migration, and adopt measures to protect children who had been subjected to deportation from other countries.

Finally, Iran wishes a successful review for Guatemala and its continued cooperation with the UPR mechanism.

I thank you Mr. **Vice-President.**