Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

UPR34 – Iran

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Lithuania welcomes the delegation of Iran.

Acknowledging some recent steps towards limiting the scope of the death penalty for drug related crimes, we recommend the following:

1. Fully comply with relevant obligations under the ICCPR *(International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)* and the CRC Convention *(UN Convention on the Rights of the Child)* and consider introducing a moratorium on the death penalty.
2. Strengthen the efforts to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and girls and consider ratification of CEDAW Convention *(UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)*.
3. Align laws and practices on the right to a fair trial and on rights to freedoms of opinion and expression, of peaceful assembly and association, and of religion and belief with international obligations and commitments, by removing restrictions against human rights defenders, lawyers, journalists, ethnic and religious minorities, including Baha’i community.

Lithuania wishes Iran success in the current UPR cycle.

I thank you.