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**Canada’s recommendations for Iran’s UPR**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada thanks Iran for its presentation. While we take note of the reduction in the use of the death penalty, we remain deeply concerned by the situation of human rights in Iran.

Canada recommends that Iran:

1. Revise the Penal Code to ensure consistency with its international obligations, including article 6 of the ICCPR, so that the death penalty is reserved for only the most serious crimes, never imposed for crimes committed by persons below 18 years of age, and never imposed arbitrarily.
2. Ensure freedom from torture while in detention.
3. End discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, including repealing provisions in the Penal Code which criminalizes consensual same-sex activities between adults.
4. Take measures to ensure non-discrimination against ethnic and religious minorities.
5. Remove legal restrictions and social barriers to women's equal participation in the workforce and access to education and participation in the conduct of public affairs.

Canada hopes the Government of Iran will engage constructively with the international community, including by inviting the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran to the country.