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**Review of Islamic Republic of Iran**

**Intervention by Delegation of Ukraine**

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**Mr President,**

Ukraine thanks the delegation of Iran for presentation of the national report.

We note the measures undertaken by the Government in order to implement recommendations from the previous cycle. At the same time, there are significant concerns with regard to the reported violations of the human rights of members of religious and ethnic minority groups, including the rights to education, freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. Ukraine recommends:

* to uphold international commitments under the human rights treaties Iran is a party to;
* to adjust the national legislation in line with the ICCPR in order to ensure the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons regardless of religion and ethnicity;
* to establish a moratorium on the death penalty, in particular in relation to juvenile offenders;
* to remove all national law provisions that allow for punishments that amount to torture or cruel and degrading treatment.

**I thank you.**