**UPR of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

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*Mr. President,*

Poland would like to thank the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran for its national report and for participation in the third cycle of the UPR process.

Poland notes progress achieved in curbing the number of executions of capital punishment. We also acknowledge ensuring better access to health and education services as well providing assistance to refugees and irregular migrants residing within Iran.

We encourage the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to continue actions aimed at providing robust legal human rights protection framework as well as ensure its full implementation by all public authorities at all levels.

Poland would like to present the following recommendations:

1. **Undertake steps towards introduction of a moratorium on the death penalty which would allow Iran to consider signature and ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.**
2. **Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court of 1998 as well as the the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.**
3. **Ensure, both in law and in practice, that all individuals or groups of individuals enjoy their right to freedom of religion or belief.**
4. **Make all possible efforts to provide comprehensive frameworks for non-discrimination of women and protection of women and children from violence, including domestic one.**

I thank you.