



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
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Mr President,

Slovenia would like to thank the delegation of Iran for their presentation today and its engagement with the UPR mechanism.

Slovenia would like to **recommend** to Iran:

- to ratify and fully align national legislation with the Rome Statute of the ICC, as well as ratify core human rights conventions, such CEDAW;
- to strengthen its efforts to promote representation of women in public and political life, including in leadership positions;
- to protect human rights defenders, and media workers and to fully guarantee the right to freedom of expression and association.

We would like to note measures taken by Iran since its 2nd cycle, including some efforts in the field of protection of ethnic minorities. Furthermore, we commend Iran for decrease in number of executions of individuals convicted of drug offences due to changes in legislation. At the same time we regret the wide use of capital punishment in Iran. In this respect we are particularly concerned by death sentences for and executions of minors or juvenile offenders.

Thank you.