



## **Statement on behalf of the State of Israel**

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**ID with the Special Rapporteur on Iran**

Mr. President,

The State of Israel would like to thank the Special Rapporteur for his report and for his remarkable work exposing the dire human rights situation in Iran.

Israel is concerned that 2014 saw the highest total recorded executions in the past 12 years. In fact, in Iran a person is being executed on average every twelve hours, a ratio that would see twenty one people executed in Iran since the beginning of the March session.

Iranian authorities show no mercy and 160 juvenile offenders, who committed their crimes when under the age of 18, linger on death row until they come of age.

Israel continues to be concerned about the failure to address violence against women and girls, including early and forced marriages, marital rape and domestic violence.

We are alarmed by the acid attacks against women who allegedly wear improper hijab in several cities in Iran.

We would like to pay a tribute to Ms. Reynah Jebbari who was executed despite pleas from the international community to Iran to take into account the fact that she acted in self-defense and was denied proper legal process.

Israel totally rejects the crackdown on media professionals and social media used as an appalling tool in the hands of the Iranian authorities in order to control citizens' minds.

Israel deplores the revised IPC that made a same sex conduct subjected to punishments, ranging from 100 lashes to the death penalty.

Israel watches with great concern how under Rouhani's government, Iran continues to discriminate ethnic and religious minorities who face a high risk of prosecution on vague charges which could carry the death penalty.

The Special Rapporteur's report underlines the need to continue exposing and monitoring Iran's harsh violations of human rights .

Thank you.