



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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Thank you Mr. President,

The State of Israel would like to congratulate the Special Rapporteur for his most valuable report. Israel believes that this report, together with its previous ones, must be a cornerstone for improving the appalling human rights situation in the country.

Israel deplores the fact that the Iranian regime continues to violate the most basic human rights of its own population - competing with the utmost inhuman methods that are being used by the notorious ISIL.

This year the Iranian authorities had exceeded all expectations by reaching an amazing pick of hanging one person every 6 hours. Altogether in 2015, Iran broke a terrifying record of executing 966 persons from its own people including juvenile offenders.

Israel is extremely troubled by the ongoing discrimination of women in Iran in all aspects of life. Laws and draft legislations that violate the basic rights of women, including the rights to freedom of movement, work, and the right to be free from discrimination, should be abolished immediately .

Israel is deeply concerned with the continuing discrimination towards religious and ethnic minorities. As the Special Rapporteur demanded, Iran should stop summon, interrogate and arrest them because of their belief. Iran must stop the destruction of cultural sites of the Bahai's community.

And finally, we reject the rosy picture portraying Iran as a shelter for Afghan refugees. As we all know by now, many of them, even young boys, had been coerced by the Revolutionary Guards to fight in Syria.

Mr. President,

We call the Human Rights Council to continue exposing the severe atrocities that are being carried out in Iran on a daily basis. Israel is convinced that the Iranian people deserve a much more progressive and a humane leadership than Rouhani's oppressing rule.

Thank you