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ID with SR on Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Thank you Madam President,

Israel would like to commend the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Iran for his report, which highlights some of the grave human rights violations in Iran.

Israel is extremely concerned with the rampant use of the death penalty in Iran, especially the execution of child offenders, including at least three children executed last year. It was shocking to read that the penal code in Iran retains the death penalty for girls as young as nine years old.

We are also extremely concerned with the treatment of ethnic and religious minorities within Iran including the Baha'is, Christians and Sunni Arabs who continue to suffer from discrimination and oppression. As stated in the report, women's rights continue to be restricted, as do the freedoms of expression, association and assembly. The Special Rapporteur also highlights the mistreatment of the LGBTQI community, including abhorrent comments made by senior officials who described individuals within this community as "subhuman" and "diseased". It is also alarming that the death penalty can still be imposed for consensual sexual activity between members of the same sex.

Madam President,

As the Syrian conflict continues into its tenth year, we believe that the Council should not only monitor the grave rights violations in Iran domestically, but also examine how Iran exports these inhumane practices overseas.

Thanks you, Madam President.