



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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Iran

I thank you, Madame Vice-President.

Israel deplores the fact that, in 2014 alone, Iran has executed more than 850 individuals. We urge and recommend the authorities (1) to stop all executions.

We are concerned that corporal punishment of children is lawful at home and used as a sentence of the courts. We recommend Iran (2) to explicitly prohibit all forms of corporal punishment of children and (3) to revoke all laws that allow it.

Israel regrets that Iran has failed to address violence against women and girls, which remains endemic. Israel recommends (4) Iran exercises due diligence to prevent, deter, investigate and punish those accountable.

We condemn the fact Iranian law promotes forced, early and temporary marriages of girls as young as 9 and allows marriage between adoptive parents and their children. We recommend (5) Iran abolishes and amends all laws that encourage and permit this practice.

We also recommend (6) the abolishment of all legislation resulting in discrimination, prosecution and punishment of people based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Thank you.