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بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم و الصلوه و السلام علي الانبياء و المرسلين و اولي العزم المنتجبين
من اولهم و آخرهم و علي نبينا محمد المصطفى و علي آله الطيبين الطاهرين.

Mr. President,

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to seize this opportunity to express my gratitude to those having supported, cooperated and contributed to the examination of the Islamic Republic of Iran's report in the course of the 7th Session of the Universal Periodic Review. My thanks especially go to the hard working team in the UPR Secretariat, and to our troika members for facilitating the review of my country's report.

I am pleased and grateful to have the opportunity to attend once again this important forum to share with distinguished colleagues on measures have been taken as well as my Government's position on the set of recommendations put forward or submitted during the said UPR Session.

Mr. President,

Universal Periodic Review has provided a unique opportunity to review the Islamic Republic of Iran' human rights achievements. It was an opportunity both to raise awareness on Iran's practices and experiences on the promotion of human rights as well as to listening the viewpoints of the member states and the representatives of the civil society. Our genuine intention in this process has been to enhance national capacities for the promotion and protection of human rights.

During the review of my country's report, Iranian delegation responded to as many of questions as time allowed. Inevitably, some queries remained unanswered. Addressing questions brought up in that Meeting, my delegation assured concerned delegates that it would carefully assess all contributions and respond appropriately where important issues remain unaddressed.

I would like to state that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran reviewed all the recommendations made during the 7th Session of the UPR Working Group as contained in document A/HRC/14/12. I am pleased to point out that we have drawn up and submitted a document as an addendum including our descriptive reflections on the recommendations.

From the total of 188 recommendations, 123 were accepted, which clearly indicate our both openness and commitment to promotion and protection of human rights at national and international levels. 45 recommendations did not enjoy the support of the Islamic Republic of Iran. We took the 20 remaining recommendations back to Tehran for further review.

The position of the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran on 20 pending recommendations as well as the 45 rejected ones are elaborately illustrated in the addendum of the Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review of the Islamic Republic of Iran(document No.A/HRC/14/12/Add1). For the sake of brevity I refrain from mentioning them, and I invite distinguished delegates to consult the document for further

information.

Nevertheless I would like to bring to your attention some key points which elaborate our position on a considerable number of recommendations.

1 - With regard to accession of the Islamic Republic of Iran to new international instruments, it is noteworthy that accession to the international conventions required certain legal processes. The Parliament constantly reviews and evaluates accession to international conventions in light of the internal circumstances and laws. Therefore, the government is not in a position to make any prejudgment and predictions concerning the outcome of debates by the Parliament. In this context the Parliament follows a dynamic and continuous review of Iran's international obligations. This is true too, when it comes to the amending or revising the national legislation.

2- Concerning the cooperation of the Islamic Republic of Iran with the Human Rights Council mechanisms, it should be noted that by extension of standing invitation to the Special procedures and 6 visits taken place so far, Iran has demonstrated its intention to promote cooperation with the international human rights mechanisms. Iran has further consolidated these cooperative relations by planning and conducting meetings and direct contacts with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. In line with its promotional plans for human rights, the Islamic Republic of Iran will prepare and draw up relevant mechanisms for interactions with Special Rapporteur.

3- Human Rights Council must be the focal point of reliance, hope and participation for all peoples and governments to address human rights issues. In that context, UPR mechanism constitutes a forum for dialogue, cooperation and positive minded engagement. Factuality, impartiality, constructiveness and accountability should be the governing principles that we all should observe in our debates. Unfortunately a number of recommendations could not enjoy the support of the Islamic Republic of Iran due to their contradiction with the said principles.

Mr. President,

The Islamic Republic of Iran's human rights policy has continuously emphasized the significance of interactive and cooperative approach in the promotion and protection of human rights as stipulated in purposes and principles of the UN Charter as well as avoidance of confrontation, double standard and politicization. In this regard, we look forward to continuing our close cooperation with the Council to realize our shared objective of attaining greater global justice, equity, security and development through the enhancement of human rights for all.

At the end, I would like also to thank once again the delegations that contributed to interactive dialogue in a constructive manner, by raising questions and putting forward recommendations, and assure them that the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran devotes its full and meticulous attention to those recommendations.

Thank you Mr. President,