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**International Federation of Human Rights Leagues (FIDH)**  
**Ligue Iranienne des Droits de l'Homme (LDDHI)**  
**Joint Oral Statement**  
**Item 6**  
**Universal Periodic Review of Iran**

The International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and its affiliated league the Iranian League for Human Rights (LDDHI) welcome the fact that the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Iran has clearly reflected the appalling situation of human rights in the country. A majority of States have strongly condemned human rights violations perpetrated in particular after the elections of June 2009.

We share a number of serious concerns raised by many States during the interactive dialogue. Since the elections, peaceful protests have been harshly repressed in Iran, with several hundreds political prisoners behind the bars, human rights defenders are prevented from exercising their work normally and torture appears to be carried out on a daily basis in prisons. Moreover, 8 political prisoners have been condemned to death in connection with the elections.

We supports recommendations repeatedly made that Iran ensures an independent, transparent, and impartial investigation into the numerous cases of violence against protesters in the aftermath of the Presidential election. Iran should immediately release all persons detained for their mere participation in peaceful demonstrations, and ensure that those responsible for killings, ill-treatments and arbitrary arrests are hold accountable.

A number of countries have also asked Iran to cooperate fully with UN human rights mechanisms, including by facilitating all Special Procedures' pending visit requests and by taking concrete steps to implement the recommendations of the Treaty Bodies. As of now, seven Special Procedures are awaiting an invitation or the facilitation of their visit, including the Special Rapporteur on torture, the Special Rapporteur on Independence of Judges and Lawyers, and the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression.

Our organisations regret that Iran denied the reality and gravity of human rights violations during its Universal Periodic Review and did not provide any concrete reply to the grave accusations made, thereby refusing to cooperate with the Human Rights Council. Moreover, we express our concerns regarding the decision of Iran to reject 28 recommendations stating that they are "inconsistent with the Institution-Building text and/or not internationally recognized human rights, or not in conformity with its existing laws, pledges and commitments". These recommendations, which referred mainly to invitation of special procedure mandate-holders and protection of minorities, are based on actual pledges by Iran and treaties to which it is a party and thus are in full conformity with the basis of the UPR.

We further regret that Iran dismissed as many as 45 recommendations and postponed the examination of another 20 recommendations, although most of them clearly fall under Iran's international and national human rights obligations.