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123 recommendations enjoy the support of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Amongst those are “compliance of international law” and “full respect of human rights”. A national plan for human rights was promised, and it ought to be binding.

The Iranian parliament ratified both the ICCPR and the ICESCR before the Islamic Revolution, yet the Islamic Republic of Iran has never implemented these treaty obligations. Note Iran’s record on juvenile executions. Südwind points to Para 90 Item 39 accepting the immediate stop of juvenile executions under ICCPR and CRC.

If torture prevention really accepted as stated in Para 90 Items 41 to 44, why not ratify the Convention Against Torture?

Among the recommendations accepted, the Iranian government agreed to establish a National Human Rights Institution in full compliance with the Paris Principles as accepted in Para 90 Items 10 to 12. Until this is implemented, all Special Rapporteurs and Working Groups should be welcomed as honored guests.

How can the discrimination against women be prevented as accepted through Para 90 Item 32 to Item 34, if CEDAW has not been ratified? Recently segregated banks and Universities were announced. The prospect of “separate but equal” treatment for women recalls a threat, a gender Apartheid even worse than the discrimination upheld in law and practice until now.

Submitting cheerful but distorted country reports is not enough. The agreed improvements respecting human rights *must be shown to be done* in everyday life.

Instead of Human rights training we are confronted with impunity of authorities who violate human rights gravely. The people *must be free* to live honest and happy, respecting Para 90 Item 5 to 7 and 102, *must be free* to communicate unpopular ideas including peaceful political demonstrations, respecting Para 90 Item 52 to 55 and 120 to 123, *must be free* to live a peaceful life without violence or discrimination, respecting Para 90 Item 47 to 50 and questioning Item 97, *must be free* to vote honestly for a good and just government guaranteeing the full enjoyment of human rights, in Iran pending the fulfillment of accepted Para 90 Items 103 to 119, and everywhere.

Politically motivated executions continue. In last month there has been at least 5 political executions and at least 6 have been sentenced to death. Amputations as punishment for petty crime produces disabled people. They are *not* reintegrated into society, have *no* complaint mechanism, receive *no* compensation, *no* justice, and *never* will be social partners - but remain stigmatized by the system.

Südwind calls upon the present power holders in Iran to listen to the voices of the people of Iran. Südwind calls upon the Human Rights Council prevent falseness, fear and forced submission, and achieve equality, freedom and justice for all.