

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF) –ADD.3**

### **CANADA**

- Can Iran clarify the status of the Supreme Revolutionary Cultural Council document, dated 25 February 1991, reportedly signed by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on treatment of practitioners of the Baha'i faith, as referred to in the UN E/CN.4/1993/41 on page 55, as well as on the recommendations found therein?
- In what ways does the government of Iran intend to address the 2013 CESCR recommendation that Iran take steps to ensure the full and unrestricted enjoyment by ethnic minorities, including Kurds, Arabs, Azeris and Baluch, to their right to take part in cultural life, including through the protection of publications and newspapers in minority languages from imposed closure?
- In the context of the dramatic rise in executions in Iran since 2013, what is Iran doing to ensure adherence to internationally recognized standards, particularly in the case of juveniles and political prisoners?
- The Special Rapporteur reports an alarming and significant increase in the number of girls subjected to child, early and forced marriage in Iran. This harmful practice is not only a violation of the rights of these young girls, but it also impedes their development by disrupting their access to education, and severely jeopardizes their health. What steps is Iran taking to address this issue?
- In addition to undermining their citizen's freedom of expression and association by blocking a large number of internet sites and banning the use of social media tools and platforms, there have been numerous cases of arrest and detention of those who use these tools. Can Iran identify concrete steps that it will take to halt the arrest, detention and intimidation of those who use these tools to exercise their freedom of expression, and what steps Iran will take to allow free and uncensored access to the internet and social media for its citizens?
- Canada understands that there had been a commitment from the office of the President to investigate and report on the April 2014 attack against prisoners in Evin. Can the Islamic Republic of Iran confirm whether there will be any investigations into this attack, and clarify the status of any pending investigations and reports?