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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and pursuant to our objection to accreditation of "Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy" for the Durban Review Conference and its preparatory process and with reference to the discussions took place in the first session of Preparatory Committee on Monday 21 April 2008, we would like to put forward the following issues and questions:

1) Since the said organization has no consultative status with ECOSOC, we would like to have the following information in accordance with the provisions of the ECOSOC resolution 1996/31:

- A) The Purpose of the organization;
- B) Information as to the program and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the conference and its preparatory process and the country or countries in which they are carried out, to confirm the interest in the goals and objectives of the conference;
- C) Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional and international level;
- D) Copies of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements, and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions;
- E) A list of members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality;
- F) A description of the membership of the organization, including the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution;
- G) A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization.

2) Since the organization is a "Corporation" with financial activities and has been registered under the Ministry of Industry in its country of origin, we would like to receive concrete reasons and information to prove that it meets the requirements of a genuine human rights NGO, including confirmation that it is a non-profit organization.



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- 3) We would like to know clearly whether this organization endorses the outcome of the 2001 Durban Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and related Intolerance as well as holding 2008 Durban Review Conference or not?
- 4) Since we have noted some information including on the website of the organization, substantiating that the Council has and continued to campaign for boycotting the Durban Review Conference, we would like to know how it can contribute to the objectives of the Durban Review Conference and its preparatory process?
- 5) We want to know why this organization has not replied, in due time, to the Secretariat's communication concerning our objection to its accreditation.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration. *A.R.*



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