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In the name of God  
The Compassionate the Merciful

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination, xenophobia and related  
forms of intolerance, follow-up and implementation of the Durban  
Declaration and Programme of Action

Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the ongoing process of the Durban Review Conference, marking the preparatory of a process which we trust will culminate in enhancing global efforts to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance.

My delegation also would like to express appreciation to the Chairperson of the preparatory committee for the Durban Review Conference for the successful preparatory process underway in Geneva as well as the chairperson of the ISWG on drafting the outcome document for their sincere efforts.

Mr. President,

In modern-day we are witness of racism, racist and xenophobic acts and crimes against migrants, refugees, indigenous people and asylum seekers, defamation of religions, religious intolerance, racial profiling and the intellectual legitimization of racism.

This form of racism which is disseminated in large proportion in the media including internet and encouraged by some policies, targets vulnerable social groups such as aboriginal, immigrants, non-nationals, ethnic and religious minorities, just because of their differences.

The failures in the struggle against racism, inter alia, the contemporary forms of racism has led to persisting manifestations of racism and intolerance including racial and religious profiling and the rise in Islamophobic incidents in certain parts of the world.

Mr. President,

We encourage further strengthening of the follow up instruments which are effective in the realization of the decisions of Durban process. The Islamic Republic of Iran has contributed 40,000 dollars to the Durban Review Conference for facilitating the realization of a better participative conference by all stakeholders.

Human rights are to be exercised in a context where rights coexist with each other. In this regard, most international human rights conventions provide that, in the exercise of their human rights, individuals have to respect the rights of others.

I thank you Mr. president.