

In The Name Of The Almighty

Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran

on item 4:

Human rights situations that require the Council's attention

Mr. President,

Under this item my delegation would like to draw the Council's attention to the following situations:

In some EU Member States there are many alarming human rights situations particularly with respect to minorities and immigrant people, who are victims of prejudice and hatred, which need the council's particular attention. They are also suffering various kinds of discrimination and marginalization in employment, education, housing, and standards of life as a whole.

In the UK extension of pre-charge detention to 42 days, imposing restrictions of movement and association on people suspected of involvement in terrorism-related activities, the increase in cases of detention without trial and ongoing cases of renditions are matters of grave concern. Moreover, the new UK policy to allow teachers to retain membership of the British National Party is a green light to racism.

We echo the concern expressed by HRC in July 2009 about continuing impunity for domestic violence in **Ireland**. My delegation also echoes the

concerns raised by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the HRC about aspects of the new bill on the Immigration, Residence and Protection in **Ireland**.

In the **Netherlands** the increase in racist and xenophobic ideas in the political circles as well as the incitement in the media to religious and racial hatred has been treated with inaction and ignorance of the government. The high rate of domestic violence in the Netherlands which is well depicted in the reports of the special procedures also constitutes an issue of serious concern.

We remind the concerns expressed by the UN Human Rights Committee on the cases in **France** of ill-treatment by law enforcement officials against irregular migrants and asylum-seekers held in detention centers, and the lack of adequate investigation and punishment of such human rights violations. We also express concern at reports on the violations of essential human rights of irregular migrants and asylum-seekers – including unaccompanied minors – held in detention in **France**. The anti-terrorism legislation in France caused expression of concerns by relevant UN Human Rights monitoring body.

We express our deep concern over six people who died during the last year after being shocked by **Canadian** police with a Taser. The cases of murder and missing of Indigenous women is a source of concern which is also expressed by the CEDAW Committee. **Canada's** human rights record reveals systematic abuses and violations including: social exclusion policies, police brutality, racial discrimination against its own aboriginal people and

death cases in custody as well as harassment of religious minorities. The same causes of concern exist in **Australia** as well.

Germany still has failed to address its human rights violations committed in the context of the US-led “war on terror”, including its involvement in renditions. German's discriminatory policy towards refugees and deprivation of migrants of their economic, social and cultural rights, are the main source of concern. The number of recent cases of sexual abuse of children in **Germany** is also vividly alarming.

In recent years the violation of human rights by the **United States** has dramatically increased. Irresponsible and blind bombings by the US Air force in Afghanistan that led to the massacre of hundreds of civilians, the unresolved scandal of Guantanamo prisons, the ongoing process of discrimination against racial, ethnic and national minorities, especially Latinos and African Americans, as well as police brutalities are brief review of many causes of concern in that country.

Mr. President,

Unfortunately, over the last few years Islamophobia has become a reinforcing phenomenon against Muslims in many countries including namely, the EU, UK, US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. In conclusion as the Islamic Republic of Iran remains concerned about the aforementioned situations, it assumes that the said situations are in serious need of the council's attention.

Thank you,