

STATEMENT OF THE
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
ON THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON
CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION,
XENOPHOBIA AND RELATED INTOLERANCE AND
THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON EXTRAJUDICIAL, SUMMARY OR
ARBITRARY EXECUTION

Thank you Mr. President;

I would like to thank the Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, while at the same time I cannot hide my opposition to the parts of it in relation to Iran. The Islamic Republic of Iran, on cultural, national and international grounds, does commit itself to fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. On this basis, Jews are ~~an~~ integral part of the Iranian population and they live in peace, harmony and liberty ~~with their compatriots~~ and are actively participating in social and political life of their homeland. *christian muslims and othe*

The international conference held in Tehran was not aimed at "questioning the truth of the extermination of the European Jews by Nazi Germany", as the Special Rapporteur has put it in his written report, but to contribute to an important right guaranteed by relevant international instruments which is the right to free flow of information. The search for revisionism must include the double standard practiced with respect to the freedom of expression.

It has become a daily practice for some countries at the official level to speak out of "regime change" in Iran and threatening Iran to a full scale raid against its infrastructures. It is a legitimate question that why these pronouncements do not motivate the Special Rapporteur's sensitivity. These threats clearly advocate "hostility or violence" which is prohibited under article 20 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

On the report of professor Alston in relation to capital punishment, it must be said that this is not illegal in Iran, although this sentence is issued by the courts for the most serious crimes. ~~More importantly, there are legal ways and means to commit it.~~ In his press release of 10 January 2007 regarding the sentences of terrorists in Khuzestan Province, the Special Rapporteur says "we are fully aware that these men are accused of serious crimes," ~~including having tried to overthrow the Government after having received military training by US and UK forces.~~ In our note dated 23rd February 2007, we replied to the Special Rapporteur that these men have gone through legal proceeding in competent court where they have enjoyed defense team acting on their behalf. On the sentence for minors, we are committed fully to our international obligations based on the Convention on the Rights of the Child. ~~While the Special Rapporteur clearly indicates in all his communications that "I do not wish to prejudge the accuracy of the allegations," we read in his report that "the information received is clearly credible." The source of verifiability of information is unclear for my delegation. The bill on juvenile courts under examination in our parliament and we have put all executions of minors on hold.~~

~~Thank you Mr. President.~~

while the bill on juvenile court has not been passed completely, we have direct order of the highest Judiciary authority to put the issue on hold.

in any case Mr. president, ~~the relations~~ interaction between governments and sp. Rap. ~~based on mutual~~

~~obligations~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~ ~~established~~

The government of the United States with ~~its~~ ~~conduct~~ ~~in~~ ~~our~~ ~~neighbourhood~~

whose conduct in our neighbourhood has caused arbitrary killing of hundreds of thousands of people in just a couple of years.

Thank you Mr. president.