

**Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran on the Mandate of the
Special Rapporteur on the so- called "Situation of Human Rights in
Belarus"**

**before the 5th session of the Human Rights Council
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Mr. President,

ad The practice of adoption of politically motivated country specific resolutions, which were the main cause of politicization and confrontation, undermined the credibility of the ^{CHR} ~~Commission on Human Rights~~. This practice used by a group of countries for several years against independent developing countries including Belarus.

The mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the ~~so-called~~ "Situation of Human Rights in Belarus" is a remnant of the atmosphere of politicization which ~~marred the Commission on Human Rights and~~ brought that to a well-known end. *He-CHR*

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rather than
human rights
such as
civil
liberty* Highly controversial reports and activities of the Special Rapporteur were criticized by the 2nd session of the Human Rights Council. This criticism, among others, included Special Rapporteur attempts to extend his mandate to a global scale, and prejudice the human rights situation in Asia and Africa. While recognizing that his mandate is being supported only by few, the Special Rapporteur continues to insist ^{to} that his mandate "has no limits, ~~and should be extended in scope and means~~". *and while*

The examples above indicate politically motivated nature of country specific resolutions and mandates established thereby. The Human Rights Council has a unique opportunity to look at things in a new way, abandon confrontation and create a genuine system for promotion and protection of all human rights.

Mr. President,

~~The Islamic Republic of Iran has consistently called the need to review and rationalize the system of the special procedure and discontinue the country mandates which their establishment are based on political agenda of Sponsors. To this end the, we firmly believe that all unfair and politicized current country mandates specially the Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the so- called "Situation of Human Rights in Belarus should be terminated before 18 June 2007.~~

Thank you