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**Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran on the Mandate of the
Personal Representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
on the so- called "Situation of Human Rights in Cuba"
Before the 5th session of the Human Rights Council
Geneva, 12 June 2007**

Mr. President,

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

The mandate of Personal Representative of the High commissioner for Human Rights on the so- called "Situation of Human Rights in Cuba" stems from unjust and illegitimate resolutions imposed selectively against Cuba, on the basis of a clear political motivation, and adopted by a narrow margin of votes by the discredited Commission on Human Rights.

which has suffered decades of blockade and unilateral sanctions

The Islamic Republic of Iran has consistently called the need to review and rationalize the system of the special procedures and discontinue current country mandates which their establishment are based on political agenda of well- known Sponsors. In our view the Council approach to discontinue this discredited mandate will send a clear message of efficiency, power and constructive cooperation for the promotion and protection of all human rights in a non-selective and non-confrontational manner.

To this end the Islamic Republic of Iran call the Human Rights Council to end ~~the~~ ^{its} mandate of the Personal Representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Cuba before 18 June 2008.

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Thank You