

Islamic Republic of Iran

Comments on the report of the High Commissioner to the 10th session of the Human Rights Council

I thank Madame High Commissioner for her comprehensive report ~~and~~ as well as her outstanding efforts in the past 6 months. We welcome High Commissioner's intention to continue the practice of holding regular meetings with delegations which will enable all to share information and exchange ideas on the work of the High Commissioner's office.

I would like to highlight some points which in my delegations view are vital for the work of the Office.

1. Enhancement of international cooperation has a significant role in the promotion of human rights. It is extremely important to explore the ways and means to foster and facilitate such cooperation. I would like to ask Madame High Commissioner to share with us her ideas as well as the office's initiatives to achieve this goal. With the same token strengthening intercultural dialogue on human rights can play a key role in the promotion of understanding which will subsequently enhance bilateral and international cooperation for the promotion of human rights.

2. We attach great importance to the successful preparation and convening of the Durban Review Conference. We must ensure that the Conference will achieve its goals and address the impediments toward the full realization of the Durban Declaration and Plan of Action as well as the current manifestations of racism and racial discrimination. We also emphasize on the necessity for facilitating

active and constructive participation of the representatives of the civil society in particular NGOs in the Review Conference.

3. We welcome High Commissioner's emphasis on the right based approach to development. In this regard I would like to ask the High Commissioner for more information regarding her Offices initiatives in order to mainstream the realization of the right to development in the UN mechanisms. In this regard the impacts of the economic ^{and financial} sanctions on the full realization of all human rights is one of the key issues which should be addressed properly and thoroughly.

Thank you