

**Statement by  
Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

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*In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful*

**Mr. Chairman,**

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you and other members of the Bureau



Given the importance the Islamic Republic of Iran attaches to the role of the family,