

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

Iran comprises of six different ethnic groups and a number of different religious minorities. In Iran political, culture and human discrimination against non-Persian minorities is institutionalised by the Islamic Republic of Iran. Let me give an example, the Constitution states that the official language which is Persian and the religion is Shiite, this constitution therefore officially deprives other minorities of their national and democratic rights. Kurdish children in Kurdistan are to this day are deprived of their basic human rights, that is, access to education in the Kurdish language, which is still forbidden. According to international human rights organisations some 11 million Kurds live in Iran are deprived of their national, cultural and human rights. The Kurdish minority in Iran is systematically repressed because of its national and democratic claims against the Iranian regime. To conclude ladies and gentlemen, we ask this forum to submit to the Council of Human Rights the demand for the recognition of the Kurdish language and the social and political rights of the Kurdish people in the national context in Iran.

Thank you!