

PM Islamic Republic of Iran

Madam Moderator, I ? my delegation welcomes the ? of 10th session of the Forum of Minority Issues.

The Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran guarantees the legitimate right and the freedom of the different linguistic, religious, racial, and ethnic groups. In this instance, according to the Article 19 and 20, all the people of Iran, whatever the ethnic group or tribe to which they belong, enjoy equal rights and the color, race, language, and the like, do not present any privilege. Furthermore, Article 20 stipulates that all citizens of the country, those men and women of equally, enjoy the protection of the law and enjoy all human, political, economic. social and cultural right, in conformity with the Islamic criteria.

Madam Moderator, the Islamic Republic of Iran has a lot of diverse ethnic and religious community that lives side by side with the different traditions, customs, and the language, attach great importance to the minority issues. The Iranian society is a successful model of ? and a peaceful coexistence. Consequently, in order to develop and apply such policy, one of the principal objectives of the government is always to enhance and consolidate this relationship. In this regard, we believe that the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedom of all people, including minority youth, empowers them to contribute to the political, civil, economic, social, and cultural development of their countries. Against this backdrop, considerable steps have been taken by my government to provide the great protection of the minorities' rights, including inter alia, the appointment of a special assistant to the President of the Republic of the Minorities, the codification of citizen rights charges in which particular have been paid to the right of religious minority, and establishing of the minority rights and Committee of Minorities of the Ministry of the Interior.

Madam Moderator, finally, it should be noted that the Article 15 of the Constitution has stipulated that the official language and the script of Iran is Persian. However, the use of the local ethnic language in the press and the mass media, as well as...