

In the Name of God

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**Exercise of the Right of Reply by
the Islamic Republic of Iran
before the Sixth Session of the Human Right Council**

Mr. President,

My delegation in exercising right of reply would like to respond to the statements made by the representative of Canada as well as an NGO.

My delegation rejects the totality of the statement made by representative of Canada yesterday in this august body. Such unfounded allegations clearly demonstrate the continuation of old habits of politicization, double standard and selectivity which discredited the Commission on Human Rights and once again are being exercise in Human Rights Council.

Unfortunately, While Islamic Republic of Iran is politically singled out by Canada it is ironic to remind the members of the Council, Canada's double standard policy towards the massive violation of human rights in Occupied Palestinian Territories by the Israeli regime.

Mr. President,

As matter of fact, it is the human rights situation of Canada and the inability of its Government which needs to be brought to the attention of the Council. There are numerous human rights violations including social exclusion policies, blatant racism and racial discrimination, police brutality, unlawful detention, torture and death cases in custody, violence against women and children against the aboriginals and indigenous people who are being treated as the second class people by the Canadian Government. Moreover, the worsening situation of indigenous people in Canada with considerable population is also a source of great concern for the international community as well as this Council. It is not surprising to witness the clear cut opposition of Canada with the adoption of the international declaration on the rights of indigenous people before the General Assembly just yesterday.

We call upon the Canadian Government, instead of preaching the others and being engaged in the process of find faulting with other countries, to fulfill its human rights obligations and responsibilities towards its own communities and comply with its international commitments.

Mr. President,

With regard to the statement of an NGO, I would like to inform the Council that all Iranians including Bahais enjoy their full Constitutional rights.

In my country, all are equal before the law and whoever exceed the legal boundaries, is subject to related legal procedures, regardless of his or her beliefs.

Thank You Mr. President,