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Mr. President,

According to article 12 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and article 17 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, no one may be subjected to arbitrary interference with their privacy, family, home or correspondence, and the law must protect everyone against such interference. In this regard, my delegation would like to share concern raised by the High Commissioner in his update report on "broad scope of national security surveillance regimes in countries, including the United States and the United Kingdom, and the Impact of these regimes on individuals' right to privacy and other human rights".

Mr. President,

We are too perturbed by discrimination against Roma populations in some European States. Every year, thousands of Roma are forced from their homes. Most regrettably, the children that are born in the camps don't have a future. In many European countries, their children are placed in segregated schools with substandard education. They are denied jobs and face poor health care and are victims of hate violence. The I.R. of Iran call for EU countries to end discrimination against Roma people. Roma have a right to a home and work as all other European citizens.

Mr. President,

My delegation also regrets to notice that the indigenous people situation in Canada remains an issue of serious concern. We continue to witness escalating levels of violence and growing reports of human rights abuses against the indigenous people, the poor conditions in health, education and employment, violence against indigenous women and children, and the violations to land rights. Furthermore there are negative reports in the implementation of the rights of migrants, refugees, persons with disabilities, women and aboriginal peoples. We also remain concerned over the issues of racial discrimination and the targeting of Muslim community for harassment and profiling; unequal treatment of people of color, including Asian-Canadian and African-Canadian communities.

I thank you, Mr. President.