

## **Universal Periodic Review 20**

### **UPR of Iran**

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#### **Intervention by Ireland**

Ireland welcomes the delegation of Iran and thanks it for its presentation.

Ireland is gravely concerned with the situation of some religious minorities in Iran, who suffer targeted attacks, arbitrary arrests, denial of access to higher education, and the desecration of religious sites.

Ireland **recommends** that Iran review its policies discriminating against students on account of their faith, ensure that the trials of members of religious minorities are conducted in a fair and transparent manner, and accord them the full rights of citizens of Iran.

Ireland expresses dismay at recent executions in Iran, where the death penalty is applied extensively, including for juvenile offenders.

Ireland **recommends** that Iran establish a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty, and guarantee that no individual under the age of 18 at the time of their alleged crime is sentenced to death, in line with its obligations under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.