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Social and human rights questions: advancement of women

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[on a proposal considered in plenary meeting (E/2023/L.4)]

2023/2. Removal of the Islamic Republic of Iran from membership in the Commission on the Status of Women for the remainder of its 2022–2026 term

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 11 (II) of 21 June 1946, by which it established the Commission on the Status of Women, in particular paragraph 1 thereof, in which it is stated that “the functions of the Commission shall be to prepare recommendations and reports to the Economic and Social Council on promoting women’s rights in political, economic, social, and educational fields” and that “the Commission shall also make recommendations to the Council on urgent problems requiring immediate attention in the field of women’s rights”,

Recalling also its resolution 1996/6 of 22 July 1996, in which it expanded the mandate of the Commission on the Status of Women to include, inter alia, “[i]dentify[ing] emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men that require urgent consideration and make substantive recommendations thereon”,

Expressing serious concern over the actions of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran since September 2022 to continuously undermine and increasingly suppress the human rights of women and girls, including the right to freedom of expression and opinion, often with the use of excessive force, by administering policies flagrantly contrary to the human rights of women and girls and to the mandate of the Commission on the Status of Women, as well as through the use of lethal force resulting in the deaths of peaceful protestors, including women and girls,

Decides to remove with immediate effect the Islamic Republic of Iran from membership in the Commission on the Status of Women for the remainder of its 2022–2026 term.

*5th plenary meeting
14 December 2022*

