

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

Item 4: ID with the Special Rapporteur on Iran



Mr. President,

I would like to emphasize that the Special Rapporteur's performance over the past six years has not met the expectations of the Iranian people of establishing a constructive dialogue with the country and building mutual trust in order to facilitate Iran's negotiations with his mandate.

We draw the attention of the Human Rights Council to concerns of independence and impartiality of the mandate. The Special Rapporteur has undermined his independence and impartiality that the mandate holder must adhere to, according to his code of conduct, as well as validity of his reports and his judgements on the situation of human rights in the country.

Unfortunately, the mandate holder did not establish communications and dialogue with the members of the civil society active inside Iran and in some cases left their request for meetings and cooperation unanswered. Also, the mandate did not reflect the viewpoints and comments of Iran based NGOs in the annual reports.

We deplore his reliance on invalid and unreliable sources of information, which raises questions about the validity and credibility of the reports. Furthermore, the Special Rapporteur has scarcely addressed the plight of sanction victims.

Finally, without genuine impartiality, rigorous investigation, and proactive engagement, his role has risked becoming a mere facade, failing to address the pressing human rights concerns in Iran.