**FORUM:** Human Rights Council

**QUESTION OF:** The upholding of the death penalty

**SUBMITTED BY:** The Islamic Republic of Iran

**CO-SUBMITTED BY:**  Cuba, Thailand, Chad, Russian Federation, Syria, Central African Republic, Antigua and Barbuda, Mauritania, Sudan, China, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Somalia, Iraq, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Israel, Palestine, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, DPRK, Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, USA, India, Haiti, Vietnam, Lebanon, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Lesotho, Hungary, DR Congo, El Salvador, Cameroon

**THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL,**

*Noting* that the death penalty has been abolished in 103 countries,

*Recalling* the provisions of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, in which it is stated that every human being has the right to life, liberty and security of person,

*Fully aware* that any errors or failures of justice when implementing the death penalty are permanent and incorrigible,

*Having regard* to the provisions of the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*, in which it is stated that every human being has the inherent right to life, that this right shall be protected by law and that no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life,

*Taking into consideration* that there is no conclusive evidence pointing to the deterrent factor of the death penalty,

*Welcoming* all relevant decisions and resolutions of the Human Rights Council,

*Reminding* all Member States recognize that a sentence of death may be imposed only for the most serious crimes,

*Encouraging* the United Nations (UN) and all Member States to vote against the abolishment of the death penalty,

*Recognizing* that those who commit a serious crime deserve to be punished,

1. Requests that all Member States respect the sovereignty of the other Member States on this sensitive matter;
2. Urges Member States that currently allow the death penalty to offer a fair trial to each individual to prove their innocence by:
   1. Investigating each case and gathering credible evidence,
   2. Sending the case to a competent court;
3. Calls upon Member States to only give the sentence for the death penalty to people who committed certain crimes, such as but not limited to:
   1. Murders,
   2. Rapes,
   3. Terrorist acts,
   4. Severe cases of illegal trafficking such as:
      1. Human Trafficking,
      2. Organ Trafficking,
   5. Crimes against the State;

1. Further calls upon all Member States to, although abiding by their own sovereignty and law, refrain from implementing the death penalty upon individuals that pertain to the following groups:
   1. Pregnant women,
   2. Mentally ill individuals,
   3. People under 18;
2. Proposes that each Member State should not carry out the death penalty in an inhumane manner, and if applicable should carry out death sentences in accordance with existing global human rights statutes such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, provided that the Member State is a signatory of said agreement;
3. Recommends that Member States establish the appropriate protocols in terms of executory procedure, in order to guarantee the following of the aforementioned clauses in a way such as but not limited to:
   1. Competent authorities,
   2. Trained officials in the specific field of execution;
4. Decides to continue the consideration of this matter in conformity with its program of work.