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Mr. President,

~~by delegation~~ ~~with the state~~  
~~by a~~ ~~ambassador~~ ~~general~~  
I would like to make the following comments on country mandates under old item 9 the CHR including mandate of the personal representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Cuba

Mr. President

1- Iran believes that the country mandates of the Commission on Human rights under item 9 of its agenda are the main cause of politicization and confrontation and undermined the work and credit of the CHR.

The Human rights Council should not repeat the same experience.

2- Country mandates under item 9 of the late CHR should go under review with a view to remove them from the system of special procedures.

3- We are in the process of developing the UPR mechanism which under this mechanism, every State will be reviewed in a non - selective manner. The continuation of country mandates will have no added value to this system.

4- Finally, Iran firmly believes that mandate of Personal Representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on Cuba is illegitimate heritage of politicization, double standard and selectivity of the late Commission on Human Rights and should be terminated as soon as possible.

Thank you