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T. Afsar (Iran), commenting on charges made by some speakers in the discussion regarding the situation in Iran, said these were without any foundation. The charges made by the representative of the Baha'i International Community were incorrect. The claim that there were 300,000 Baha'is in Iran was exaggerated. The figure was in fact far below this number.

As he had stated, the rights of religious minorities were enshrined in the Iranian Constitution. The Government and the religious majority group acted with equity and justice towards all religious minorities which had the same rights and duties as all other citizens under the Constitution.

Allegations of arrests, executions and forced disappearances were untrue, he asserted. Detentions were made but only on the basis of the decisions of tribunals which functioned within duly established procedures, drawing on the principle of mercy of Islam.

Akbar Kherad (Afghanistan) said human rights were respected fully in his country. His Government was deeply attached to the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and co-operated with international bodies and instruments for the promotion of measures to protect the individual from brutal violations of human rights.

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