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**COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

Sixtieth session

Item 14 of the provisional agenda

**SPECIFIC GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS**

**MIGRANT WORKERS**

**Report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants,  
Gabriela Rodriguez Pizarro**

**Addendum**

**Mission to the Islamic Republic of Iran: Preliminary note\***

**Note by the secretariat**

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\* This note is being circulated in the language of submission only.

1. The Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the human rights of migrants, Gabriela Rodriguez Pizarro, visited the Islamic Republic of Iran from 22 to 29 February 2004 at the invitation of the Government. In view of the time constraints, the present document is submitted as a preliminary note. A full report will be submitted to the Commission at its sixty-first session.
2. The Special Rapporteur met with representatives, at the Director-General level, from the relevant directorates and units of the following ministries: the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Employment and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Labour and the Judiciary. The Special Rapporteur met with representatives of Afghan migrants, non-governmental organizations, as well as representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes and international organizations, including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Assistance Mission to Afghanistan (UNAMA), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).
3. Owing to a traffic accident which occurred during her mission, the Special Rapporteur's programme was slightly modified. With the explicit consent of the Iranian authorities, the Special Rapporteur requested the staff member of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights accompanying her to undertake a one-day visit to Mashhad on her behalf. Accordingly, and with the full cooperation and assistance of the Iranian regional authorities, the staff member visited a refugee camp and a detention centre for migrants in Khouzestan Province.
4. At the outset, the Special Rapporteur would like to extend her appreciation to the authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the cooperation and assistance extended to her throughout the mission.
5. Attached is the agenda of the mission of the Special Rapporteur to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

AGENDA FOR THE MISSION OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS, GABRIELLA RODRIGUEZ PIZARRO,  
TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN,  
22 – 29 FEBRUARY 2004

**Sunday, 22 February**

Meeting with Director-General, Department for Employment of  
Iranians Abroad, Ministry of Employment and Social affairs

Meeting with United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP  
Resident Representative

Meeting with Chief of Mission, UNHCR

Meeting with Chief of Mission a.i., IOM

Meeting with Director-General, Department of International Legal  
Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Meeting with Director-General, International Affairs, Ministry of  
Interior

**Monday, 23 February**

Meeting with Director-General, Department of Immigration,  
Ministry of Interior

Meeting with Institute for Women's Studies and Research

Meeting with Advisor to the President on Women Affairs and  
Head of the Center for Women Participation

Meeting with Secretary General, Islamic Human Rights  
Commission (IHRC)

**Tuesday, 24 February**

Meeting with Director-General Center for Iranians Abroad,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Meeting with Director-General, International Economic Affairs &  
Specialized Agencies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Meeting with Director-General of Health and Director-General of  
Employment, Ministry of Health

Meeting with WFP and UMANA Representative s

**Wednesday, 25 February**

Meeting with the Director General for the Employment of Foreign Nationals, Ministry of Labour

Meeting with Deputy for Security Affairs, Ministry of Interior

**Thursday, 26 February**

Visit Sephid sang Detention Center, Mashhad

Visit Torbat-e-Jam guest city, Mashhad

**Friday, 27 February**

Meeting with Representative of Afghan community in Iran

**Saturday, 28 February**

Meeting with Director-General for Human Rights and Legal Affairs of the Judiciary

Meeting with representative from Society for Protecting the Rights of the Child

Meeting with officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss the first impressions of the mission

Debriefing meeting with United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative

Press Conference – UNDP Conference Room

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