

# Iran's appointment to chair UN rights meeting draws condemnation

GENEVA, Nov 2 (Reuters) - The United States and rights groups complained on Thursday that it was "insulting" to allow Iran's envoy to chair a U.N. human rights council meeting in Geneva, citing violations by Iranian authorities, especially those against women.

A U.N.-appointed rights expert alleges incidents committed by the Islamic Republic during a crackdown on protests since last year may amount to crimes against humanity.

Iran rejects allegations of discrimination against women.

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