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Country under Review: United Arab Emirates

Statement of Afghanistan

Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the high level delegation of United Arab Emirates headed by the Minister of States for Foreign Affairs, H.E Dr. Anwar Mohammad Gargash and appreciates the comprehensive presentation of National Report.

Afghanistan commends United Arab Emirates effort to implement the recommendations it accepted during the first cycle of UPR.

We are encouraged by recent constitutional amendments and federal acts, reflected in the report and look forward to their implementation. We welcome the establishment of a set of national policies and strategies to promote and ensure the enjoyment of fundamental human rights and freedoms.

We are glad to see that United Arab Emirates has acceded major international human rights instruments, notably the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Finally, we welcome United Arab Emirates contribution to developing countries and would like to recommend the following:

1. To continue making contribution by providing support to developing countries in order to improve the enjoyment of human rights in these countries.
2. To continue to support initiatives programs and funds aiming at supporting youth projects in order to enhance the enjoyment of economic rights and provide job opportunities.

Thank you.

Permanen Representative and Ambassador
of Afghanistan