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Statement by Armenia

Armenia thanks the delegation of the United Arab Emirates for their national report and their exhaustive presentation today.

We commend all efforts for strengthening the cooperation between United Arab Emirates and international human rights mechanisms. Particularly, we took note of the visit of High Commissioner of Human rights, and of Special rapporteurs on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the positive approach of your country.

Armenia supports the government of United Arab Emirates in its strong commitment to the education and capacity building among the population. We appreciate all steps to insert human rights concepts into the program of compulsory education and all other governmental initiatives.

We acknowledge the progress made for the promotion of rights of women, such as the establishment of the National Strategy for the advancement and empowerment of women and for the standardization of national framework with international treaties, such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and the Millennium Development Goals.

Armenia recommends United Arab Emirates to:

- consider ratifying the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR),
- consider adoption of specific legislation on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

Thank you.