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Thank you Mr. President,

Brunei Darussalam would like to thank the delegation of the United Arab Emirates led by His Excellency Dr. Anwar Mohammed Gargash, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, for the presentation of the national report.

We congratulate the UAE on conducting wide consultations involving relevant stakeholders in the preparation of its national report for this second cycle.

Brunei Darussalam appreciates the UAE's commitment towards the promotion and protection of human rights for its people, as evidently seen through the establishment of its various national policies and strategies. In this regard, we welcome the steps it has taken to strengthen women's rights especially in its implementation of the National Strategy for the Advancement of Women.

Brunei Darussalam is also encouraged by the UAE's endeavours to ensure its people's right to education, namely its school integration project to include young persons with special needs. Furthermore, we commend the country's efforts in providing high quality health care, particularly for children and mothers.

Finally, in its initiatives to improve the quality of human life through its strive towards a green economy, we commend the UAE's role as hosts to the headquarters of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). We would recommend the UAE to continue its good momentum towards this positive end.

Thank you, Mr. President.