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STATEMENT BY KENYA ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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M. President,

We welcome the delegation of the UAE to this Review process, and thank them for an elaborate presentation. *of their National Report.*

We have noted ^{the} Government's continued commitment to improving the human rights in the UAE as well as strengthening its cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

We have also noted that since the last review ^{the} UAE has undertaken some reflection on the possibility of establishing a national Human Rights Institution based on the Paris principles. We would encourage the Government to continue with these efforts, and to move towards completing the remaining process of having this important institution ready and working.

Recommendation:

The State to give consideration to acceding to the remaining core human rights instruments, including –

the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,
the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and
the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

I thank you.