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**Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan  
at the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of WG of HRC / UPR of Germany**

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**Thank you, Mr. President,**

Kazakhstan delegation welcomes H.E. \_\_\_\_\_. We thank the German delegation for the comprehensive National Report they have prepared and their presentation today.

In this connection, the delegation of Kazakhstan takes note a number of legislative reforms during the last four years. In particular, we welcome the adoption of a National Action Plan to implement the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, a law introduced into the Bundestag on the strengthening of the rights of victims of sexual abuse as well as the establishment of new independent human rights institutions.

It is worth mentioning that Germany has ratified or signed 7 international conventions such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol, the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons against Enforced Disappearance, the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and so on.

As the positive sign of implementing its obligations arising from the above stated international treaties we underline the establishment of such national human rights institutions as the National Office for the Prevention of Torture and the German Institute for Human Rights.

Our delegation takes note the decent nature, quality and informative presentation of the National report.

To this end, our delegation calls on Germany to further strengthen its international human rights commitments and adherence to the principle of cooperation and dialogue with the UN human rights mechanisms. In particular, Kazakhstan delegation recommends:

1. To ratify the UN Convention against Corruption.
2. To continue taking efficient measures against religion-based discriminatory practices in terms of access to the labour market and social integration.

3. To further secure the full implementation of The National Action Plan against racism.

4. Continue policies aimed at intensifying the fight against all forms of corruption.

**Thank you!**