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Mr. President,

Afghanistan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Russian Federation led by His Excellency Mr. Alexander Kononov, Minister of Justice, and thank them for the comprehensive presentation of their national report.

The efforts made by the Russian federation for the promotion and protection of human rights, including reforms of judicial system such as reforming the law and judicial practices, amendment in criminal procedure, improvement of detention conditions, right to a fair trial, and freedom of expression, association, assembly and movement among others are noteworthy.

We likewise, take note with appreciation that the Russian Federation has become a party or ratified a number of international covenants since its first cycle of the UPR, namely the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and others.

Finally, my delegation would like to recommend the Russian Federation the following recommendations:

- To continue active cooperation with the international human rights monitoring mechanisms including treaty bodies and Special procedures of the Human Rights Council,
- Protects the rights of the vulnerable groups of the population, such as women, children, persons with disabilities and elderly persons.

Thank you Mr. President.

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