

**Statement by the delegation of Cambodia for UPR of Russian Federation  
at the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPRWG of the HRC (Monday, 29 April 2013, 14:30 – 18:00)**

Mr. President,

1. First of all, Cambodia warmly welcomes the Delegation of Russian Federation led by **H.E. Mr. Kononov**, Minister of Justice at this UPR process.
2. Cambodia acknowledges with appreciation that Russia has made notable progress in the process of implementation of most of the recommendations that had been adopted during the first UPR Cycle, and in particular, with respect to the recent efforts made and measures taken by Russia, through the following steps:
3. We welcome Russia's ratification to a number of international instruments such as the European Social Charter (2009); the Protocol No. 14 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (2010), and the Convention on the rights of Persons with disabilities (2012).
4. Cambodia takes note with appreciation, of the country's step taken in continuing to observe a moratorium on the application of the death penalty.
5. We welcome the commitments of the Government to address a reform of the judicial system to improve the quality and efficiency of case-handling in the courts and the execution of judicial decisions, and to boost public confidence in the administration of justice.
6. In conclusion, Cambodia wishes to make the following recommendation for Russia:
  - To take further actions to combat trafficking in persons in accordance with the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the related Protocol.
  - To continue the efforts to ensure the creation of a climate of tolerance towards cultural and racial diversity in the society with full participation and integration of people, (including vulnerable and ethnic peoples' representatives) in the development of national and local policies that affect their interests.

Thank you,