



**Statement of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic
during the interactive dialogue of the UPR Working Group
on the Russian Federation
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Mr. President,

The Kyrgyz delegation welcomes the delegation of the Russian Federation and is pleased to note that the Russian authorities are working consistently to improve and strengthen human rights institutions in constructive cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

We commend that Russia has created the special unit within the Investigative Committee for the investigation of criminal cases relating to torture. In the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation any offence that is motivated by political, ideological, racial, ethnic or religious hatred or enmity is considered as an aggravating circumstance. Over 2011–2012, Russian law-enforcement authorities interdicted activities of several dozen criminal groupings, engaged in serious crime motivated by ethnic, racial and religious hatred. ~~The members of those groupings have been prosecuted and imprisoned.~~

At same time, Kyrgyzstan is worried that hate crimes and attacks against migrant workers and ethnic minorities still take place despite the continuous efforts of the Russian authorities.

Mr. President,

My delegation recommends the following:

1. To continue reforms in the system of the law-enforcement agencies and the judicial system.
2. To continue policy of “zero tolerance” to the acts of hazing and harassment among the army personnel and also continue the general policy of humanization of service in the military.
3. To encourage openness and transparency of the functioning of the public bodies.

Mr. President,

My delegation strongly believes that Russia will further strengthen institutions that promote human rights, democracy, good governance and the rule of law.

I thank you!