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**UPR of Russian Federation
Statement by the Republic of Poland**

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Poland would like to thank the delegation of the Russian Federation for their active participation in the UPR process and informative presentation of the national report.

Poland notes the development of the human rights infrastructure in Russia.

At the same time we are concerned with the recently passed regulations, stipulating that organizations receiving financial support from external sources have to register and identify themselves publicly as "foreign agents". The implementation of such regulations has already caused serious deterioration of the situation of human rights defenders. We also remain deeply concerned about reported cases of harassment, threats and violence against human rights defenders.

Therefore, we would like to recommend, that Russia

- **take appropriate legislative measures to void the legislation requiring human rights organizations that receive foreign funding to register as "foreign agents";**
- **ensure that all human rights defenders are able to conduct their work in line with the provisions of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders (A/RES/53/144);**
- **effectively investigate all cases of violence against human rights defenders, in order to hold the perpetrators accountable.**

Moreover, Poland recommends that Russia:

- **take effective measures to prevent all acts of torture and ill-treatment.**

Poland also notes with concern the reported acts of violence against women. Therefore, we would like to recommend that Russia:

- **adopt a comprehensive law on violence against women.**

Thank you, Mr. President.

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