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Statement

**of
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Item: UPR of the Russian Federation

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Thank you Mr. President,

We welcome the Delegation of the Russian Federation and their presentation of the report today.

We commend the progress in the implementation of the certain recommendations that Russian Federation has made after the first cycle of the UPR.

We also commend the ratification of the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities.

We welcome the announced moratorium on death penalty and we hope that will be abolished entirely.

We have two recommendations:

Russian Federation to ratify Optional Protocol of the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities;

Second: Russian Federation to present its standing invitation to the special procedures of the UN HRC.

Thank you Mr. President.