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## **Statement by the DPRK Delegation on the UPR of Uzbekistan**

(24 April 2013)

Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes and congratulates H.E. Dr. Akmal SAIDOV, Chairman of the National Human Rights Centre of the Republic of Uzbekistan for his excellent presentation of a comprehensive report.

We commend the Government of Uzbekistan for achievements and progress made in the implementation of recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the UPR in December 2008. We particularly commend the adoption of the national plan of action for the implementation of the recommendations following the consideration of the initial report under the UPR in August 2009. We take note, with appreciation, that a number of amendments were made to the Constitution with a view to further strengthening democratic reforms, democratizing State and administrative bodies, ensuring a better balance of power between the three branches of government, and strengthening the role and influence of political parties in implementing socioeconomic, public and political reforms and renewing and modernizing the country.

We reiterate our appreciation of the efforts of the Government of Uzbekistan and wishes it all the best for furtherance of the promotion and protection of human rights in the future.

Thank you.