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**UPR WORKING GROUP –SIXTEENTH SESSION
(22 April - 3 May 2013)**

UPR of UZBEKISTAN – INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE

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INTERVENTION BY INDIA

President,

India warmly welcomes the delegation of Uzbekistan led by H.E. Dr. Akmal Saidov, Director of National Human Rights Centre and thanks the delegation for its National Report as well as its presentation. It is noteworthy that the National Report has been approved by the Legislative Chamber, Representatives of Government bodies, NGOs and Mass Media.

2. We take positive note of the efforts made by the Government of Uzbekistan in implementing the recommendations received during the first cycle of the UPR, including to the extent of making amendments to its Constitution.

3. We take positive note of its ratification of as many as ten international agreements since its first participation at the UPR and its successful implementation of National Action Plans adopted in response to recommendations of the Treaty Bodies of which Uzbekistan is a member.

4. We commend its achievements with regard to women, particularly in the context of work life where women make up of 48% of the working population. We take positive note of Uzbekistan's approach to the well-being of children, particularly reforms undertaken in education including annual investment of the 12% of GDP in education and its 12-year education programme for all children. We commend Uzbekistan for its

status as one of the top 10 countries in the Save the children ratings in States for the level of medical care for children.

5. We also note with interest the Memorandum of Understanding on Realisation of Technical Cooperation project on the primacy on the rule of law for 2013 and 2014. We appreciate Uzbekistan's candid acknowledgement of problems and challenges in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. In this regard, we note with appreciation the efforts underway to elaborate a draft National Programme of Action in the field of human rights and welcome Uzbekistan's efforts towards implementing international human rights standards in domestic legislation and law enforcement practice and wish them the very best.

Thank you, President
