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**Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan
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Thank you, Mr. President,

Kazakhstan's delegation welcomes the delegation of the brotherly Republic of Uzbekistan headed by H.E. _____.

We thank His Excellency for a comprehensive presentation. My delegation commends achievements and efforts of the Government of Uzbekistan in protecting and promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms of its citizens.

Our delegation welcomes the continued efforts of Uzbekistan to make major, targeted reforms and improvements to its judicial and legal system. In particular, we take note of abolition of the death penalty both in peacetime and in wartime.

It is worth mentioning that Government of Uzbekistan has ratified several international treaties including the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, the ILO Convention concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment, the United Nations Convention against Corruption and others.

Bearing in mind the large Kazakh Diaspora, our delegation recognizes the Uzbekistan's efforts in securing and maintaining all possible conditions for full realization of the rights of ethnic minorities including right to education, healthcare and other fundamental freedoms.

Concerning the UPR's National Report, we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To further strengthen cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms in the field of juvenile rights.
2. To take steps to fully implement the ratified international documents.
3. To further support cooperation with the neighboring countries on counteractions to the illegal migration.

In conclusion our delegation wishes to witness further progress and realization of human rights within the non-discriminatory and transparent framework.

Thank you.