

Statement by H.E. Mr. Yong CHANTHALANGSY,

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Lao PDR to UNO

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Review of Uzbekistan on 24/ 4/ 2013 at 9.00h (time 1m 25s)

Mr. President,

The Lao delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Uzbekistan, headed by His Excellency Mr. Akmal Saidov, Chairman of the National Human Rights Center to the 16th session of UPR Working Group and we thank for a comprehensive presentation of the National Report.

My delegation notes with interest the significant progress that Uzbekistan has established a solid legal framework of protecting human rights and freedoms which meets democratic requirements. We commend Uzbekistan for continuing its reforms to improve the judicial and legal system and to incorporating the goals of the Millennium Declaration into the country's development programmes and to meet the MDGs for 2015.

We appreciate that Uzbekistan is party to many Conventions and fully participated in the implementation of regional and international human rights legal instruments.

In this connection, my delegation encourage the Government of Uzbekistan ^{to strengthen} cooperation with the UN and international community [^] for the promotion and protection of Human Rights.

I thank you, Mr President .