

**Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Uzbekistan**  
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**Mr. President,**

We would like to thank the delegation of Uzbekistan, led by H.E. ----- for presenting the national report.

We appreciate the efforts of the Government of Uzbekistan for implementing the National Plans of Action to implement the concluding observations of CERD and CEDAW Committees. It would be helpful if the delegation of Uzbekistan may like to elaborate the level of cooperation among government agencies and civil society institutions to implement these national action plans.

**Mr. President,**

The awareness raising campaign especially among rural women about their rights as well as efforts for gender mainstreaming are positive developments.

We welcome the establishment of the Interdepartmental Working Group to monitor the observance of human rights by the law enforcement agencies. This step will certainly promote human rights and freedoms which is one of the core objectives of the Working Group.

**Mr. President,**

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

- Take further efforts to promote and protect women's rights, including measures to prevent trafficking in women.
- Continue the practice of constructive engagement by the country with relevant international human rights mechanisms.
- Continue measures aimed at strengthening national mechanism for monitoring places of detention.