**Statement of the Republic of Yemen in the sixteenth session of the Working group on the Universal Periodic Review of April 22 to May 03 - Uzbekistan**

Mr. President /

 At first we welcome the distinguished Head of Uzbekistan’s delegation and his companions, and express our appreciation for the detailed and valuable presentation he ​​submitted, which reviewed the successes achieved by the Government of Uzbekistan in the field of human rights.

 My delegation appreciates the efforts made ​​by the Government of Uzbekistan in the improvement and development of the human rights situation, and commends the laws enacted to ensure the rule of law and the protection of the rights of citizens and their legitimate interests. As well as the ratification of a number of international conventions relating to the protection of human rights and the national implementation plans of them.

 My delegation recommends the Government of Uzbekistan **to continue to pay attention to the protection of political rights and civil freedoms.**

Thank you

**Addressed by: Mohamed AL-FOQUMI Deputy Permanent Representative**