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**Statement by the delegation of Kazakhstan
at the 17th Session of WG of UPR / UPR of China**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Kazakhstan wishes to welcome H.E. _____. We thank the Chinese delegation for the comprehensive National Report they have prepared and their presentation today.

We should note that the Chinese authorities are responding to the challenges of national autonomies in the country and contribute to the socio-economic development which improves the standard of living of the population living there.

Nonetheless, the facts of disobedience to the authorities of certain groups adhering to radical views and exercising anti-government actions should not affect the whole picture.

We appreciate the Chinese Government's efforts in securing and maintaining all possible conditions for realization of the rights of ethnic minorities including the Kazakh minority which is the biggest Kazakh diaspora in the world.

Our delegation calls on China to further strengthen its international human rights commitments and adherence to the principle of cooperation and dialogue with the UN human rights mechanisms.

Thank you.