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Statement by the delegation of Cambodia for UPR of Mexico
At the 17th Session of the UPR WG of the HRC
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Mr. President,

- 1 First of all, on behalf of the Cambodia delegation, I would like to express my warm welcome to the delegation of Mexico, led by H.E. to the 17th Session of the UPR Working Group. We also thank the delegation for the presentation of its National Report at this second cycle.
- 2 Cambodia appreciates the continued progress achieved by Mexico in the protection and promotion of human rights in the country. We note that since its first UPR process, Mexico has made important advances toward the process of implementation of relevant recommendations. These include, in particular, in the area of legislative frameworks and treaty bodies pertaining to human rights, which include, among others, the entry into force of the comprehensive constitutional amendments relating to human rights in 2011, the signing of Pact for Mexico by the President and the major political forces, the introduction of the concept of a legitimate interest, the amendment to the Federal Labor Act, the entry into force of the Human Rights Defenders and Journalists Protection Act in June 2012 and the introduction of the National Programme for Prevention and Elimination of Discrimination in 2012.
- 3 Cambodia welcomes the Mexico's National Development Plan for 2013-2018 which was published in May 2013. The Plan will enable Mexico to realize its full potential, especially in combating poverty in the country. Cambodia also commends Mexico for establishing the Special Prosecutor's Office for Crimes against Freedom of Expression to direct, coordinate and supervise the investigation and prosecution of crimes committed against journalists.
- 4 With a view to further address the remaining challenges in the country, Cambodia wishes to recommend Mexico to further combat all forms of discrimination against women by running public awareness campaigns on women's rights.

Thank you, Mr. President