

**Statement by the delegation of Afghanistan**  
**2nd Cycle of UPR, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes H.E Minister Bandar Bin Mohamed Ali, President of the Human Rights Commission and his accompanying delegation and appreciates the elaborate presentation of their National Report.

Afghanistan commends the brotherly Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for implementing the recommendations it has accepted during the first cycle of UPR, and take note of the progress made in the area of promotion and protection of Human Rights in the country.

We appreciate accession of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to a number of International Human Rights Conventions, establishment of National Anti Corruption Commission and the Standing Committee on Trafficking in person. We also commend Kingdom's efforts to promote freedom of opinion and expression and to combat discrimination.

We likewise, take note of positives steps toward consideration of treaties to which it is not a party, and are also encouraged by a number of amendments it has introduced to the Laws and regulations in particulars in regards to women, children and migrant rights.

Mr. President,

Establishment of educational institutions, increase in girls enrolment to schools, colleges and universities, women participation in political and public life, and steps taken in regards to health, social welfare, employment, housing as well as women's rights are clear indication of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to enhance, promote and protect the human rights of its citizens and others live in the country.

In conclusion, we wish the brotherly Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its people all the best as they continue to enhance their efforts in the promotion and protection of Human Rights.

Thank you,