

**Statement by the delegation of Cambodia for UPR of Saudi Arabia  
At the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR WG of the HRC**

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**Mr. President,**

- 1 First of all, on behalf of the Cambodian delegation, I would like to express my warm welcome to the delegation of Saudi Arabia, led by <sup>H.E. Mr. Bandar bin Mohammed Al-A</sup> .....to the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group. We also thank the delegation for the presentation of its Second National Report at this UPR Process.
- 2 Cambodia appreciates the efforts made by Saudi Arabia in promotion and protection of human rights after the review of its first UPR in 2009. We take note of the positive progress that has been made in the fields of judicial and legislative reforms, human rights institutional framework, women employment, education, health care and social security.
- 3 Cambodia welcomes Saudi Arabia's accession to the International Labor Organization (ILO) Convention No. 138 on the minimum age for admission to employment and work in May 2013, and the two Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child in June 2010-- namely the Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict and the Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.
- 4 While appreciating the above-mentioned progress and efforts of Saudi Arabia, my delegation wishes to make the following recommendations for the consideration of Saudi Arabia:
  - 4.1 To continue its measures in combating human trafficking through the effective implementation of its Trafficking in Persons (offences) Act.
  - 4.2 To further promote equal treatment between women and men by increasing national awareness campaigns on gender equality, especially on women's rights.

Thank you **Mr. President!**