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**Statement by the delegation of Kazakhstan  
at the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of WG of UPR / UPR of Afghanistan  
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**Thank you, Mr. President,**

Kazakhstan welcomes the esteemed delegation of Afghanistan in the 18<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Group on UPR and thanks them for the presentation of the National Report.

We positively note that the Government of Afghanistan has included numerous provisions of the international human rights conventions to its national laws within the past years such as Juvenile Code, Law on Elimination of violence against women, Law on Anti-corruption Strategy and the others.

It is worth also mentioning that since 2007 Kazakhstan has been realizing a special Plan of assistance to Afghanistan. This Plan stipulates an educational programme of preparation of 1,000 young Afghani specialists of different professions.

Kazakhstan also provides gratuitous technical and humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan on the annual basis. And it should be well noted that the Government of Kazakhstan intends to further continue its efforts to render such assistance to the brotherly people of Afghanistan.

To this end, our delegation calls on Afghanistan to further strengthen its international human rights commitments and, in particular, we recommend:

1. To further fulfill the internationally taken human rights obligations as well as integrate them into the national legislation.
2. To continue taking steps in order to fully protect and promote the rights of women and children, especially by protecting them from violence.
3. To continue taking measures for further improvement of provisions for the access to quality education by reducing the existing restrictions due to insecurity and low professional capacity.

**Thank you!**