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Mr. President,

Bosnia and Herzegovina welcomes the delegation of Afghanistan to the 18th session of the UPR and thanks the head of delegation,

Mr. _____ for the comprehensive presentation of the national report.

My delegation commends Afghanistan for achieving significant developments and improvements on human rights sphere, signing numerous international human rights conventions, strengthening efforts on legislation process and adopting numerous legislation.

Bosnia and Herzegovina welcomes the steps taken by the Government of Afghanistan for the purpose of ensuring peace, stability, democracy and establishing the strong foundation for protection of human rights, in particular:

- Establishment of High Peace Council,
- Establishment of Human Rights Support Units in Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defense and National Directorate of Security,
- Reforms within Independent Election Commission and in Electoral Law and
- Reforms in Electoral policies.

Bosnia and Herzegovina recognizes challenges and constrains that Afghanistan is still faced with as the country in transition, especially fragile security situation in many areas. Having said this, we would ask the delegation of Afghanistan to provide us more details on the work of Independent Human Rights Commission in addressing the main challenges, like insecurity and challenges on the way of good governance.

Thank you Mr. President.