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**STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**  
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Mr. President,

Republic of Macedonia welcomes the Delegation of Afghanistan ~~led by~~  
~~and would like to thank for the presentation of their report~~  
~~today.~~

We have noted the efforts made since the first UPR cycle and <sup>we</sup> would like to commend the commitment of Afghanistan to the UPR process.

Upon careful consideration of the relevant documents related to the human rights situation in the country, with concern we note the indications that the death penalty in Afghanistan still poses a challenge. In that regard, we would like to <sup>encourage</sup> ~~recommend~~ the Government of Afghanistan to introduce a moratorium on executions with a view to the abolition of the death penalty, entirely.

Women's and children's rights are issue of great importance for the Republic of Macedonia. Therefore, we would like to commend the adoption of the Law on Violence against Women in 2009. In addition, Republic of Macedonia would like to encourage the authorities to provide its full implementation, as well as to intensify the efforts in order to achieve elimination of the cases of forced marriages, to secure equal access to education for girls and boys, increased number of women in the public administration, i.e. overall improvement of the situation of women and girls in accordance with the CEDAW obligations.

Also, we would appreciate if the delegation of Afghanistan provides more information regarding the measures that are being undertaken in order to eliminate child labour.

Mr. President, my delegation would also like to make <sup>the</sup> following recommendation: the Government of Afghanistan to extend a standing invitation to all UN Special Mandate Holders to visit the country.

Thank you Mr. President.