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**Statement of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic
during the interactive dialogue of the UPR Working Group
on New Zealand
27 January, 2014**

Mr. President,

Kyrgyzstan welcomes the delegation of New Zealand and is pleased to note that the authorities of New Zealand are working consistently to improve and strengthen human rights institutions in constructive cooperation with treaty bodies and special procedures. New Zealand has a standing open invitation to all United Nations Special Procedures mandate holders. A number of international treaties have been ratified by New Zealand, including the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

We commend that the Government of New Zealand is focused on addressing the needs of at-risk children and their families, investing nearly \$333 million over ^{the} ~~last~~ years. The Government's \$45 million Rheumatic Fever Prevention Programme to support vulnerable children is another good example.

Mr. President,

Acknowledging the achievements of New Zealand's Government in child poverty reduction, my delegation recommends the following:

- 1) to increase the number of childcare facilities and ensure that the most disadvantaged groups also have access to childcare subsidies under the Working Families Scheme;
- 2) to take additional measures to increase access to free education for children from low-income families and families living in rural areas.

Mr. President,

My delegation strongly believes that New Zealand will further strengthen institutions that promote human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

I thank you!