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STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Mr. Dusko Uzunovski Chargé d'Affaires Mr. President,

Allow me to welcome the Delegation of New Zealand headed by $\frac{HE Mas Collins}{Model}$ and to thank them for the presentation of the their report today.

Republic of Macedonia has noted the progress achieved since the first UPR cycle and would like to commend the commitment of New Zealand to the UPR process and the various activities and measures undertaken by the Government with a view to implement the recommendations of the first cycle.

We have noted that the Government recognises the importance of individual complaints procedures, particularly in relation to issues as serious as racial discrimination and in that regard we would like to take this opportunity to encourage the Government to make a declaration under Article 14 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

We would also appreciate receiving information on whether the Government of New Zealand intends to request the Sub-Committee on Prevention of Torture to publish its report from its 2013 visit.

Thank you Mr. President.