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Mr. President

My delegation cordially welcomes the distinguished delegation of Yemen and thanks H.E Ms Hooria MASHAHOR Minister for the Human Rights, for her comprehensive statement.

Afghanistan commends the progress made by Yemen in the promotion and protection of human rights as projected in its National Report and welcomes the steps taken by the government of Yemen in the last four years to fight human rights violations in collaboration with civil society and international community.

Afghanistan further appreciates all the positive measures taken by the government of Yemen such as; establishment of an independent national human rights mechanism to enable the country to fulfill its international obligations; coordinating partnership with non-governmental mechanisms to bring together all the government bodies, private sector, international organizations and the donor community in order to exchange information to support human rights.

Finally, Afghanistan recommends Yemen to take more proactive measures to further strengthen the human rights situation in the country and develop a mechanism to monitor and record human rights abuses. And speed up the process of implementing the Compulsory Education Law.

Thanks

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