

Statement of Armenia-Bhutan UPR

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President,

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Bhutan and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We note with appreciation the legislative and administrative measures adopted by Bhutan to implement the recommendations of its first UPR Cycle. Armenia welcomes signing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and hopes Bhutan will ratify the Convention within reasonable time limits. However, there still remain a number of international conventions to be ratified. Armenia particularly attaches high importance to the universal ratification of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

We also attach high importance to human rights awareness-raising programs. Armenia commends Bhutan's efforts in this regard, inter alia, the involvement of key stakeholders to assess the status of human rights situation in the country and work towards closing the existing gaps.

Armenia also notes the improvement in the enhancement of the right to education. However we are concerned about the high number of young people who have never attended formal school.

Armenia recommends Bhutan

- 1) *To accede to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.*
- 2) *To continue taking measures to further promote and guarantee the right to education in the country, and particularly to increase the school involvement among young people.*