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Statement for the UPR of Qatar

Thank you, Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Qatar and thank them for their engagement with the UPR process. We note with appreciation a number of legislative and institutional initiatives to promote human rights in Qatar since its first UPR cycle, such as Human Trafficking Act, Health and Education Fund Act, the establishment of Qatar Foundation for Social Action, National Committee for the implementation of international humanitarian law.

We commend Qatar's policy of promoting tolerance and diversity in the country. In this regard we value the promotion of the rights of the national, linguistic and religious minorities. Despite of the small number of Armenians in Qatar, they are reported to be able to fully exercise their cultural and religious rights.

Armenia also notes with appreciation the human rights awareness-raising programs in educational institutions in Qatar, and human rights training programs of the government for ministries and different stakeholders.

However, we are concerned that Qatar has not yet ratified a number of international human rights instruments. In this regard, we would like to stress the importance Armenia attaches to the ratification of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Armenia has two recommendations for Qatar:

- 1) To accede to the International Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.
- 2) To continue and further expand its human rights awareness-raising programs.

Thank you, Mr. President.