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**Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan
at the 20th Session of WG of HRC / UPR of Iran**

31 October, 2014

Mr. President,

Kazakhstan welcomes H.E. Dr. Mohammad Larijani and delegation of Iran to the UPR. We thank His Excellency for a comprehensive presentation. My delegation commends achievements of the Government of Iran.

The delegation of Kazakhstan notes with satisfaction the active steps towards enacting new laws concerning women's rights and the Islamic Penal Code.

As the positive sign of implementing its international obligations we note drafting of the bills on protection of the rights of the child and recently adopted laws and regulations.

We welcome establishment of new mechanisms for women and family affairs, ethnic and religious minorities.

Our delegation calls on Iran to further strengthen its international human rights commitments and adherence to the principle of cooperation and dialogue with the UN human rights mechanisms. In particular, we recommend:

1. To continue its efforts to strengthen the framework for the protection and promotion of human rights;
2. To strengthen its cooperation with civil society organizations for the promotion and protection of human rights in the area of health services;
3. To continue to undertake measures to support and protect the rights of persons with disabilities;
4. To continue to promote its education policy in order to eradicate school drop-out.

Thank you!