

**Statement of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic
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Kyrgyzstan welcomes the Iraqi delegation and is pleased to note that the authorities of Iraq are working consistently to improve and strengthen human rights institutions in constructive cooperation with treaty bodies and special procedures. Kyrgyzstan commends the new measures taken by the Iraqi Government to strengthen the legal and institutional framework pertaining to the rights and empowerment of women.

In this regard, Kyrgyzstan fully supports the adoption of the National Strategy to Combat Violence against Women, the National Reproductive Health and Maternal and Child Health Strategy (2013–2017), the Action to combat human trafficking, as well as the creation of the High Commission for Family Protection and the Women's Welfare Department in the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

We note that the objectives, specified in the UPR Report empow Iraqi women and envisage them playing an active role in all three branches of power of State.

Mr. President,

Acknowledging the achievements of Iraq in the protection and promotion of women rights, my delegation recommends:

- to continue the effective application of anti-trafficking law to prosecute human trafficking offenses and refer victims to protection services;
- to take the steps for ending forced and temporary marriages that entrap girls in sexual and domestic servitude.

Mr. President,

My delegation wishes Iraq success in its endeavors in the promotion, protection and fulfillment of human rights.

I thank you!