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Statement by H.E. Mr. Thongphane SAVANPHET
Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Lao PDR
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Geneva, 27 October – 7 November 2014

Review of Kazakhstan on 30 October 2014 at 9:00-12:30 hours

Mr. President,

The Lao delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Kazakhstan to the 20th Session of the UPR Working Group and would like to thank for a comprehensive national report which highlighted the protection and promotion of human rights situation in the country.

My delegation highly appreciates the constructive engagement of Kazakhstan with the human rights mechanisms, the implementation of the most recommendations accepted during its first UPR review cycle, and its strong commitment towards promotion and protection of human rights in the country by enacting and amending several national laws and legislations, among others.

My delegation welcomes the progress made by the Government of Kazakhstan in enhancing gender equality and participation of women in public services, combating human trafficking and developing educational systems by introducing a 12 years secondary education model.

We commend the efforts made by Kazakhstan in the promotion of freedom of expression and media, the development of internet services, and the protection of the rights of children by ratifying the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and adopting many new Criminal Codes relating to crimes and offences committed against children.

In this regard, my delegation wishes to recommend the Government of Kazakhstan to continue its cooperation with the UN and international human rights mechanism to overcome the remaining obstacles and challenges.

I thank you, Mr. President