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Review of Kazakhstan

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Statement by Afghanistan

Mr. President,

Afghanistan welcomes the distinguished delegation of Kazakhstan to the 20th session of the UPR Working Group led by the Vice Minister of Justice, H.E. Ms. Elvira Azimova for her presentation this morning.

We commend the efforts Kazakhstan has made in implementation of the recommendations it received during the first cycle of UPR. We also commend the efforts taken to further improve the human rights situation in the country with the adoption of a number of strategies, programs and policies.

Afghanistan welcomes the reinforcement of the mandate of the Human Rights Commissioner as the coordinator of the national preventive mechanism for ensuring the protection of human rights and the prevention of torture.

We further welcome the steps taken by the Government of Kazakhstan with the view of bringing the status of Human Rights Commissioner in line with the Paris Principles and would like to recommend to Kazakhstan to accelerate this process and strengthen the mandate of the Commissioner in compliance with the Paris Principles.

Thank you.

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