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Intervention of Bangladesh on UPR of Kazakhstan

Thank you Mr. President.

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Kazakhstan. We thank the delegation for the informative presentation. We note with appreciation the efforts and the commitments of the Kazakhstan government to improve enjoyment of human rights of all in the country. The government has undertaken to carry out wide range of actions aimed at implementing the recommendations accepted during its first cycle of review.

We appreciate the efforts of the government resulting in concrete success in the promotion and protection of human rights in some key sectors in the country. The proportion of women in State policy-making positions and the number of women in public service, which stands at around 55 is noteworthy. We have noted also the progress made in achieving almost universal enrolment at the primary and secondary levels of education.

The number of commendable achievements notwithstanding, there are areas that need to be addressed further. Poverty and inequality are some such areas that need attention.

Therefore, my delegation would make the following recommendations for the government of Kazakhstan:

1. Continue to improve socio-economic condition to eradicate inequality in line with the recent reforms undertaken by the government
2. Continue its affirmative actions in education sector by investing more in education; and
3. Ensure that migrants and their families enjoy equal access to education and health care.

1. Effectively address the issue of child marriage by encouraging girls to continue their education beyond the secondary level and establish laws which eliminate CEFM.
2. Ratify ICRMW, and the second optional protocol to the ICCPR
3. Put in place legislation which formally criminalises violence against women.
4. Further promote policies and programmes which offer full and equal participation of all ethnic groups.

Sierra Leone wishes Kazakhstan a successful completion of this second review.

Thank you, Mr President.