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Thank you Mr President,

We would like to warmly welcome the Delegation of Armenia to the 21st UPR Session and to congratulate it on the progress achieved in the field of human rights, since the last review when it accepted more than the 95% of recommendations. As is evident from the National Report, we would like to highlight progress in different areas in particular the promotion of gender equality including the "Law on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men" adopted in 2013. We also commend the recent reforms in the field of protection of children and the progress made in the fight against trafficking in persons, which remains an important challenge. In this regard we would like to have an update on the adoption process of the draft law on "identification and assistance to the victims of trafficking or exploitation".

We would like to submit the following **recommendations** :

- to strengthen efforts towards promotion of gender equality
- to continue the fight against human trafficking
- to ensure better protection of rights of the child
- to take further steps for the protection of national minorities
- to continue concerted efforts at the international level for the prevention of the crime of genocide

We would like to take this opportunity to wish to the Armenian Delegation and our Armenian colleagues all the best for the implementation of the recommendations that they will receive today and their overall efforts to enhance the protection of human rights in their country, which have yielded commendable results.

Thank you Mr President