

**Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan
at the 21st Session of the UPR WG / UPR of Armenia**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Kazakhstan welcomes the delegation of Armenia led by H. E. Mr. Ashot Movakimian, Deputy MFA to this UPR WG session and wishes to thank the delegation for the presentation of the national report.

Kazakhstan notes with appreciation the extensive work carried out by Armenia with a view to implement the recommendations of the First UPR Cycle. In particular, Kazakhstan welcomes the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the adoption in February 2014 of the National Action Plan on Human Rights Protection.

We commend Armenia's efforts to improve the human rights situation across the country, in the spirit of cooperation with international human rights mechanisms. We particularly note with satisfaction the progress achieved in the area of counter trafficking as well as all the measures undertaken towards a better gender equality.

Mr. President,

Kazakhstan would like to make the following recommendations to Armenia:

- to further strengthen efforts towards a better promotion of gender equality,
- to further improve conditions for the protection of the rights of national minorities,
- to encourage better protection of children's rights.

Thank you!