

**Statement by Bhutan**

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Mr. President,

Bhutan joins the distinguished speakers before us in welcoming the delegation of Kyrgyzstan and thank them providing us a detailed account of the human rights developments undertaken since their first review four years ago.

We are pleased note that the government of Kyrgyzstan has initiated a number of reforms to consider recommendations received during their first UPR and in particular we greatly appreciate that as recommended by the Human Rights Committee and the Human Rights Council, a number of measures have been taken to reform the judicial system to ensure their impartiality and independence.

Further, we wish to laud the government of Kyrgyzstan for setting out the legal and organisational basis for combatting corruption including significantly building up the legal framework for minimising and addressing its consequences. We strongly believe that Corruption is an assault against the very foundation of democratic institutions and breeds under-development and poverty.

In conclusion, we would like to recommend the government of Kyrgyzstan to continue working on implementing the programme on sustainable development, a strategy adopted under their recent National Council for development and which we understand is based on the interconnection between economic, social and environmental processes, a strategy which is similar to that of Bhutan's middle path of sustainable development, which is also based on the premise that the economic, social, and the environmental forces are highly interdependent.

I thank you Mr. President.