

**Statement of Kenya  
on the review of Kyrgyzstan**

*read by James Kihwaga*

**at the  
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**Mr. /Ms. President,**

Kenya acknowledges the presence of the high-level delegation of Kyrgyzstan to this 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR. We extend to them a warm welcome.

We have taken note of the positive initiatives taken with the view of bringing meaningful impact on the lives of the people. We especially commend the Government for its efforts in enhancing cooperation with UN human rights mechanisms, including through the submission of national reports; the invitation of special procedure mandate-holders to undertake country visits; and the inclusion of their recommendations in the formulation of national strategies. Kenya also acknowledges the holding of pluralistic and peaceful presidential elections in 2011; and the on-going efforts to address the question of torture, including the establishment of the National Centre for the Prevention of Torture.

We would encourage Kyrgyzstan to remain committed on this path, and to seek to build momentum on the progress so far achieved.

**Recommendations**

While acknowledging Kyrgyzstan's efforts aimed at strengthening the national human rights institutions, **Kenya recommends that Kyrgyzstan intensify efforts to bring the office of the Ombudsman into compliance with the Paris Principles, and to provide it with adequate resources and political support, in order to enhance its independence and functioning.**

**I thank you.**