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Review of Lao People's Democratic Republic
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In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Lao People's Democratic Republic and thanks them for comprehensive and informative national report presented to the Working Group.

We appreciate the efforts of the Government of Lao PDR made for promotion and protection of human rights despite the challenges the country is facing.

My delegation notes with appreciation the measures taken by Lao PDR for the improvement of education for children in both urban and rural remote areas in order to have better access to education of various levels through National Education System Reform Strategy. We also note from the national report that Lao PDR has adopted and is implementing a National Action Plan on Anti-Human Trafficking, and that drafting an

anti-human trafficking law is on the process.

We would like to make the following recommendations for consideration by the Lao People's Democratic Republic:

1. To continue its educational reform towards comprehensive and inclusive education policies, with a particular focus on vulnerable groups, including children;
2. To further strengthen its national legislation to combat human trafficking.

Thank you
