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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

**Universal Periodic Review of the Lao People's Democratic Republic**  
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Mr. President,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

We wish to express our appreciation to the Government of Lao for submitting the second comprehensive National Report as well as for the detailed presentation of the report by the Lao delegation.

Mongolia welcomes the steps and efforts made by the Government of Lao for the implementation of the recommendations accepted during its first Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in 2010.

Mr. President,

We would like to underline the noteworthy achievements attained by the country in a relatively short period of time on improving its governance and public administration to be more effective, transparent, accountable, participatory and providing better services to the people.

Mongolia appreciates the new legislation passed by the Parliament to promote its legal reform and to safeguard full enjoyment of human rights.

We acknowledge that Lao PDR is supportive of constructive engagement with civil society and cooperates in good faith with all relevant international human rights mechanisms.

Mr.President,

The delegation of Mongolia warmly welcomes the signing of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment following the first cycle of the UPR review and calls upon the Government of Lao PDR to consider joining the international human rights instruments including the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in near future.

My delegation recommends the Government of Lao to request for technical assistance and cooperation, as deemed appropriate, from the international community including relevant UN and specialized agencies in respect of capacity development for human rights implementation.

The Government of Mongolia expresses its readiness to share good practices and experiences on human rights implementation, with an aim to contributing to the further enhancement of bilateral relations and cooperation.

As a conclusion, the delegation of Mongolia extends its best wishes for the success to the Government of the Lao PDR in its effort in building a harmonious society with rule of law, justice and equality and enjoyment of all human rights.

Thank you for attention.