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**STATEMENT BY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
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Mr. President,

I'd like to warmly welcome and thank H.E. Mr. Valentin Rybakov, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belarus and his delegation for the comprehensive briefing.

Brunei Darussalam commends Belarus' efforts in improving and adopting national legislations to fulfill various obligations under the international instruments it is a party to, and its continued engagement with various human rights institutions.

We also welcome the enactment of the Education Code that guarantees high quality education through full and systematic legal regulation of social relations in this area. Similarly, we are pleased to note high literacy rate in Belarus that is made possible by its educational frameworks and institutions. In this regard, Brunei Darussalam **recommends** the government to continue its initiatives in ensuring the provision of quality education for all its people.

Brunei Darussalam is further encouraged by Belarus's policy to promote employment which is intended to provide opportunities for all its citizens, on a non-discriminatory basis. In particular, we commend the measures carried out to promote security of employment for those who are unable to fully participate in the workforce such as persons with disabilities, large families, and those living with disabilities. Therefore, Brunei Darussalam **recommends** Belarus to continue its plans to increase employment in the country, especially for its vulnerable groups.

Thank you.