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Mr. President,

The Lao delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Belarus to the 22nd Session of the UPR Working Group and would like to thank for a comprehensive National Report for the Second Cycle of the UPR.

My delegation appreciates the constructive engagements of Belarus with Special Rapporteurs of the Human Rights Council and UN human rights mechanisms, and that it has acceded to a number of international conventions on human rights, adopted and amended a number of national laws and regulations.

The Lao PDR is pleased to note that Belarus ranks among the world's first country in access to medical services and the world's fourth lowest rate of infant and maternal mortality.

We commend the progress made by the Government of Belarus in promotion and protection of human rights including achieving MDG, combating trafficking in persons, and promoting gender equality by increasing women participation in the public and political life.

In this connection, my delegation wishes to recommend Belarus to continue its cooperation with the UN, other International Organizations and human rights mechanisms to overcome remaining constraints and challenges.

We wish Belarus a very success in its Second Cycle of UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President