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Statement by Armenia

Thank you Mr. President.

Armenia welcomes the delegation of the United States and thanks for the comprehensive national report. Armenia attaches high importance to the continuous cooperation and partnership between our two countries. The United States is home to 1.5 million strong Armenian community, which is fully integrated into the US society and actively contributes to its cultural, social and economic life.

Armenia appreciates the dedication of the United States to the protection and promotion of human rights, prevention of the crime of genocide, its commitment to eliminate racial discrimination and hate crimes. We also welcome the US foreign and humanitarian assistance programs, which are intended to promote human rights and democratic reforms.

Armenia commends the United States for the efforts to promote accessibility and quality of education and to ensure that vulnerable and minority children have equal access to educational resources. We also appreciate the measures to combat forced labour and human trafficking, including investigation and prosecution of those who commit such crimes, preventive awareness-raising activities and adequate assistance to the victims.

Armenia recommends that the United States:

- 1. Continues to promote the right to education, including ensuring equal access to education for vulnerable groups
- 2. further increases the efforts to combat trafficking in persons.

In conclusion, Armenia reiterates its support and cooperation to the United States. We wish the US success in its Second UPR Cycle.

Thank you Mr. President.