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Thank you Mr. President

Afghanistan would like to extend a warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of Australia and appreciates the comprehensive presentation of its national report as well as Australia's strong commitment in supporting human rights nationally and internationally.

Afghanistan highly values the appropriate measure taken by Australia since its first UPR cycle by ensuring every individual enjoys its full rights on an equal basis. We welcome efforts undertaken by Australia to empower person with disabilities through the rollout of the national disability insurance scheme. Australia's continued commitment to reducing homelessness through its national partnership agreement on homelessness is also commendable.

Afghanistan aligns itself to the recommendation made by UNHCR that Australia should re-consider the policy that asylum seekers who arrived in Australia after 19 July 2013 by sea would not be permitted to settle. The current refugee crisis requires a humble approach and attention. We therefore would highly appreciate if Australia re-considers all its policies in relation to refugees and the asylum procedures.

Thank You Mr. President

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