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**Statement by the Delegation of Uzbekistan**

Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of the Sultanate of Oman headed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and thank them for the presentation of the national report under the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

Certainly, the national report is the result of the tremendous work and demonstrates serious approach of Oman to the UPR mechanism.

We commend the progressive evolution and improvement of the legal and institutional framework in the field of human rights in Oman on the basis of recommendations of the first review of the country in 2011. We welcome the development of national strategies to protect and promote the rights of children, women, the disabled, the elderly as well as awareness raising activities on human rights.

My delegation makes the following recommendations:

1. Continue efforts to improve labor relations system through the development of social dialogue between the Government and the organizations of employers and workers;

2. Implement training programs on human rights to further increase awareness of civil servants, including law enforcement and justice system personnel;

3. Strengthen the legal mechanisms for combating terrorism and extremism.

In conclusion, we wish the Government of the Sultanate of Oman further progress in the promotion and protection of human rights.

Thank you.