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Thank you Mr. Vice-President

Afghanistan would like to welcome the distinguished delegation of Estonia headed by Her Excellency Ms. Marina Kaljurand, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Estonia to the 24<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR working group and we express our sincere appreciation for the informative and well-elaborated national report and engagement in the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review process.

Afghanistan acknowledges the reform in the Penal code of Estonia and all measures undertaken to combat all forms of violence in Estonia. We likewise note with appreciation the General Education Program for 2016-2019 that includes human rights education, media literacy and critical thinking in the Estonian education strategy.

While wishing a successful UPR review, Afghanistan would like to encourage and recommend Estonia to accept and ratify the UNESCO convention against discrimination in education.

Afghanistan once again would like to thank the delegation of Estonia for its comprehensive presentation of the national report on the UPR and wishes all the best in implementation process.

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