



PERMANENT MISSION OF AFGHANISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE
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Thank you Mr. President

Afghanistan would like to extend a warm welcome to the distinguished Delegation of Niger to the 24th session of the UPR working group and appreciates the well-elaborated presentation of its national report which clearly highlights the status of implementation of the recommendations received as well as the commitments made during the first cycle of its UPR in February 2011.

We commend the actions and commitments undertaken by Niger in promoting and protecting human rights on the ground in compliance with the international obligations. Moreover we welcome the significant progress made in the area of freedom of expression and we likewise value the Declaration of Table of Mountain signed by the President of Niger that has allowed journalist to freely practice their professional duties.

While encouraging the Niger Government to further developments in the area of human rights, Afghanistan wishes to recommend Niger to establish an independent and specialized institution to investigate any allegations of human rights violations.

With this in mind, my delegation wishes the delegation of Niger a successful UPR review and good luck for the implementation of the recommendations made in its second review.

Thank you Mr. President

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