

Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan
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Kazakhstan welcomes the delegation of Paraguay led by H.E.and thanks it for the comprehensive presentation of the National Report.

First of all, we would like to commend Paraguay for the progress achieved since its first UPR Review and welcome, in particular, the important legislative work done during this period, as well as the positive developments in its institutional framework area, including the setting up of the National Torture Prevention Mechanism.

In addition to this, we would like to acknowledge remarkable progress in the area of poverty reduction achieved through the successful implementation of various governmental programs. We also welcome the creation of the unique national Recommendations Monitoring System – SIMORE – to follow up and monitor the implementation of the recommendations made by UPR, Treaty Bodies and special procedures of the Human Rights Council. We appreciate the cooperation demonstrated by Paraguay to share this positive experience with other countries.

To further strengthen its national human rights protection system, Kazakhstan would like to make the following recommendations:

- 1) Finalize at its earliest the process of appointment of the Ombudsman and ensure that the institution fully complies with the Paris Principles.
- 2) Further increase its efforts to effectively combat all forms of violence against women.
- 3) Take effective measures to reduce the high maternal mortality rate

Thank you!