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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Thongphane SAVANPHET
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Mr. President

The Lao delegation warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Tajikistan to the 25th Session of the UPR Working Group and would like to thank for the comprehensive presentation of the National Report on the human rights situation in the country.

My delegation is pleased to note that Tajikistan has recently ratified the optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Form of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and is considering to ratify number of International Conventions related human rights, including, the Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities.

We note with appreciation efforts made by the Government of Tajikistan to implement the recommendations it has accepted under the UPR process and the treaty body mechanisms.

My delegation wishes to make the following recommendation for consideration by Tajikistan:

- To effectively implement measures to assist girls and children from low-income families to have access to quality education.

We wish Tajikistan every success in its Second Cycle of UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President