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UPR of Tajikistan
Statement by the Republic of Poland
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Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Tajikistan for their comprehensive national report and active participation in the second cycle of the UPR process.

We acknowledge Tajikistan's efforts undertaken to comply with the recommendations accepted during the first cycle of UPR. In this respect we commend Tajikistan for ratifying in 2014 the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (OP-CEDAW).

Nevertheless, there is still a space for further improvement in this field.

Therefore, Poland recommends that Tajikistan:

- ratifies international human rights treaties, a.i. Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (ICCPR-PO 2), Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OP-CAT), Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD);
- ensures that Human Rights Ombudsman is an independent institution which functions in a full compliance with the Paris Principles;
- ensures the full independence of the judiciary.

We remain concerned about deteriorating situation of human rights and respect for fundamental freedoms. In this respect, Poland delegation would like to recommend that Tajikistan:

- guarantees freedom of religion or belief and eliminates all forms of discrimination against people belonging to religious minorities, in particular in the field of religious education;
- takes measures in order to ensure that freedom of assembly and association can be exercised in line with international obligations and refrain from imposing restrictions on civil society and human rights defenders.

Thank you for your attention.