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Dialogue with TAJIKISTAN**

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Mr. President,

We would like to express our appreciation to the delegation of Tajikistan for its presentation.

We recognize the measures that Tajikistan has taken to strengthen respect for human rights, including in particular the establishment of a department on human rights safeguards and the creation of an office on the rights of the child within the Executive Office of the President, as well as the expansion of the mandate and activities of the Human Rights Commissioner and the approval of the new Human Rights Education in Tajikistan Programme for 2013-2020.

We welcome the development of national action plans to follow-up the UPR as well as the recommendations of treaty bodies and special procedures. We also welcome measures to improve conditions in prisons and the approval of a Comprehensive Programme to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

We praise the adoption of the Domestic Violence Prevention Act and the approval of the Domestic Violence Prevention Programme for 2014-2023, as well as measures to protect children.

The UAE recommends that Tajikistan:

1. Continue to strengthen measures to improve access to justice and education to women and girls in rural areas.
2. Take further measures to prevent trafficking in persons in investigating and prosecuting offenders and provide effective support and redress to victims.

Thank you Mr. President.

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