**Statement of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic**

**during the interactive dialogue of the UPR Working Group**

**on Lithuania**

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**Mr. President,**

Kyrgyzstan warmly welcomes the delegation of Lithuania and thanks for the Report. We are pleased to note that since the adoption of its initial report, Lithuania has made considerable progress to follow up on the outcome of the universal periodic review. Kyrgyzstan welcomes strengthening the national legislative frameworks, ratification of some international human rights instruments and practical measures in promoting of human rights.

We welcome Lithuania’s policy to promote and protect human rights, especially women and children rights. In this regards, we would like to recommend to Lithuania the following:

* Further address all forms of gender-based violence, including the issue of incorporating the definition of gender-based violence in the national programme for the prevention of domestic violence and the provision of assistance to victims for 2014-2020.
* Take additional measures to protect children from children corporal punishment and sexual crimes.

**Mr. President,**

In conclusion, my delegation wishes success to the Lithuania authorities in UPR and further promotion and protection of human rights.

Thank you.