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

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

**on Poland**

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**Mr. President,**

The Kyrgyz delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Poland and thanks for the Report. Kyrgyzstan welcomes the strengthening of the national legislative frameworks, ratification of number of international human rights instruments and undertaking practical measures in promoting human rights. We welcome Poland’s policy to promote and protect human rights, especially women and children rights. At the same time, we regret the abolition in 2016 of the Council for the Prevention of Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, in the period when racist and xenophobic acts increased owing to the migration crisis.

In this regard, our recommendations to Poland are following:

* To take additional serious measures to combat xenophobia, hate speech and discrimination based on race, nationality, ethnicity and religion.
* To prepare a draft amendment to the Foreigners Act prohibiting detention of families with minors and unaccompanied minors for the purposes of both return and asylum proceedings.
* To ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

**Mr. President,**

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

Thank you for attention.