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

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

**on Tunisia**

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**Mr. President,**

The Kyrgyz delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Tunisia and thanks for the Report. We are pleased to note that the 2014 Tunisian Constitution includes norms on human rights and freedoms. Citizens are recognized as having equal rights and duties without discrimination, and the Constitution guarantees the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities. Kyrgyzstan welcomes the strengthening of the national legislative and institutional frameworks, ratification of 14 out of 18 international treaties and withdrawal of its reservations. We support the development of cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms, including establishment the country office of the OHCHR in Tunisia.

We welcome Tunisia’s policy to promote and protect human rights, in this regard, we would like to recommend:

* To harmonize legislation that discriminated women with the Constitution and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.
* To expedite the adoption of the law to combat violence against women.
* To criminalize racism, in line with international commitments.
* 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 Tunisian authorities in the promotion and protection of human rights.

Thank you for attention.