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**Review of Uzbekistan**

President,

Armenia welcomes the distinguish delegation of Uzbekistan and thanks for highlighting its efforts in the field of human rights.

Armenia acknowledges the progress made by Uzbekistan since the third cycle of the UPR, particularly in the areas of judicial reform, the eradication of forced labor, and the promotion of freedom of expression. These efforts, as well as the adoption of the New National Constitution and the Development Strategy of the New Uzbekistan, stand as a demonstration of the Government’s contribution to improving the human rights landscape in the country.

In the spirit of constructive engagement Armenia would like to recommend Uzbekistan:

* To continue its efforts to promote and protect the rights of vulnerable groups, including women, children, and ethnic minorities,
* To follow-up legal frameworks and allocate further resources to address issues such as gender-based violence, child labor, and discrimination.

The Delegation of Armenia wishes Uzbekistan a successful UPR.

Thank you.