**Statement by Kazakhstan**

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Kazakhstan warmly welcomes the delegation of Uzbekistan to the fourth cycle of the UPR, and appreciates country’s active participation in the work of the UN Human Rights Council.

We commend Uzbekistan for taking concrete measures to implement recommendations received during the previous cycle of the UPR. In particular, we welcome the undertaking a comprehensive and transparent reform process to strengthen the rule of law, respect for human rights and sustainable development, including the adoption of the New Uzbekistan Development Strategy for 2022–2026.

Kazakhstan welcomes the amendments made to the Constitution of Uzbekistan in order to ensure human rights guarantees, as well as on prohibition of the death penalty and child and forced labour.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

* Continue its good efforts to promote gender equality and to promote women’s representation at all levels of private, public, and economic life;
* Enhance the effective implementation of the National Plan of Action on Human Rights with the participation of civil society and national human rights institutions.
* Further strengthen cooperation with UN human rights mechanisms.

We wish the delegation from Uzbekistan a very successful review.