**KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

**Statement**

**44th Universal Periodic Review – Uzbekistan**

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*Speaking time : 1 min and 25 seconds*

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Kyrgyz Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Uzbekistan, appreciates the engagement in the UPR process and thanks for presentation of the national report.

We appreciate Uzbekistan for its significant efforts in implementing the recommendations it accepted during the third cycle of review; achievements on SDGs and welcome active cooperation with High Commissioner's Office, treaty bodies and special procedures.

We recommend that Uzbekistan:

1. Continue cooperation with UN human rights mechanisms, including treaty bodies, to protect and promote social, economic and cultural rights;
2. Continue efforts to achieve the SDGs by 2030;
3. Strengthen the role and effectiveness of the National Center for Human Rights in accordance with international human rights standards.

We wish Uzbekistan all success for its review.

I thank you!