Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Lithuania welcomes the delegation of Uzbekistan and thanks it for its National Report.

We note the progress made by Uzbekistan towards ensuring gender equality, tackling ill-treatment in detention centres, combating gender-based violence and other important reforms made since the last UPR cycle. We commend the decision to ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Lithuania would like to make the following recommendations:

* One, to implement comprehensive measures to promote and protect the rights of the child and ensure the safety of children in all circumstances.
* Two, continue strengthening measures to ensure access to objective and independent information for everyone, both online and offline.
* Three, to facilitate favourable conditions for NGOs, human rights defenders, journalists and other civil society members to freely exercise their rights to freedom of opinion and expression, association and peaceful assembly.

Lithuania wishes Uzbekistan all success in the current UPR cycle.

I thank you.