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**Uzbekistan**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Geneva, 8 November 2023*

*Mr. President,*

Poland would like to thank Uzbekistan for its participation in the UPR process and for the presentation of the national UPR report. We recommend Uzbekistan to:

1. **ensure that all journalists and bloggers could work, online and offline, free from intimidation and from judicial and other forms of harassment;**
2. **increase efforts to protect Christians and other religious minorities from all forms of violence, harassment and discrimination.**

At the same time Poland recognizes efforts undertaken by Uzbekistan with regard to human rights. In particular Poland commends Uzbekistan for the progress made in eradication of child forced labour.

*I thank you,*