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**THE 44TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR), UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA’S STATEMENT**

**ON UZBEKISTAN, 8 NOVEMBER 2023**

**Thank you, Mr. Vice-President,**

The United Republic of Tanzania welcomes the delegation of Uzbekistan and we thank them for providing information on the progress made in the promotion and protection of human rights since its last periodic review.

We note the various initiatives taken by the Government to improve the living conditions of its people; create more employment opportunities; and improving the working conditions especially for women.

We welcome the efforts of the Government in fighting human trafficking; and the commitment in the protection and promotion of children’s rights.

Furthermore, we commend the adoption of the New Uzbekistan Development Strategy for 2022 – 2026; as well as the Decent Work Country Programme for 2021 -2025.

We recommend the Government of Uzbekistan to consider strengthening measures to further reduce premature mortality.

The United Republic of Tanzania further wishes the delegation of Uzbekistan a successful Universal Periodic Review.

**I thank you.**