**KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

**Statement**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Kyrgyzstan welcomes the delegation of Afghanistan, appreciates the engagement in the UPR process which serves as the platform for a meaningful dialogue and cooperation between the Afghan government, civil society, and the international community to comprehensively address human rights challenges.

Ultimately, the goal of the UPR of Afghanistan should be to support the country in building a society that upholds the principles of democracy, rule of law, and respect for human rights for all its citizens. This will require sustained commitment, engagement, and cooperation from all the stakeholders involved.

We recommend:

1. actively build dialogue and cooperate with UN bodies and mechanisms of the Human Rights Council;
2. ensure the equal representation and meaningful participation of women and girls from all religious and ethnic groups in all decision-making processes affecting their lives;
3. engage in dialogue and cooperate with the countries in the region and the international community to counter terrorism.

I thank you!