Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

UPR – Afghanistan

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Thank you, Mr Vice-President.

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

Lithuania wishes to reiterate the recommendations made to the state of Afghanistan during the last UPR cycle and to offer the following recommendations:

- One, introduce effective measures to eradicate all forms of violence and discriminatory restrictions against women and girls.

- Two, effectively implement UNSC resolution 1325 on women, peace and security.

- Three, take measurable steps to prevent and end the recruitment of children to armed forces and to ensure the accountability for all perpetrators.

- Four, release arbitrary detained journalists and media workers, human rights defenders and other actors of civil society.

- Five, reduce number of crimes carrying capital punishment and re-establish a moratorium of death penalty.

We wish Afghanistan all success in the current UPR.

I thank you.