**Statement by Kazakhstan**

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**Review of the Dominican Republic**

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Kazakhstan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Dominican Republic to the fourth cycle of the UPR, and we thank the delegation for its informative presentation.

We commend the Dominican Republic for its efforts to implement recommendations received during the previous cycle of the UPR. We particularly appreciate country’s efforts to eradicate gender-based violence, including via legislative reforms that protect women and children from domestic violence.

 My delegation would like to make the following **recommendations to**:

* Continue its good efforts to promote gender equality and to promote women’s representation at all levels of private, public, and economic life;
* Further strengthen the Office of the Ombudsman, in compliance with the principles relating to the status of national human rights institutions (the Paris Principles), and its capacity to investigate and report on human rights violations.

We wish the delegation of the Dominican Republic a successful review.

Thank you!