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**Statement by India during the Interactive Dialogue in the 4th Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of North Macedonia in the 46th Session of UPR Working Group**

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**Mr. Vice-President,**

 India thanks the delegation of North Macedonia for the presentation of its National Report.

2. We take note with appreciation of the adoption of The Law on Payment of Monetary Compensation to Victims of Violent Crimes 2023, which recognises the right to monetary compensation to all victims of human trafficking and child trafficking.

3. We also note with appreciation the adoption of the National Strategy for Roma inclusion for the period 2022-2030, devoting particular attention to education.

4. In the spirit of constructive dialogue, India recommends the following:

1. Further expand social protection for all disadvantaged and marginalized groups;
2. Strengthen the implementation of the equality and non-discrimination strategy for the members of disadvantaged group like Roma community for improving their access to education, healthcare, social security, housing and employment;
3. Improve protection of the rights of the migrant workers; and
4. Improve conditions in the pre-trial detention facility for prisoners and detainees and provide them adequate access to health services.

5. We wish the delegation of North Macedonia all success in its review.

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