Dear President of the Human Rights Council,

Esteemed representatives of Council Member States and Observers,

On behalf of the members of the Delegation I am heading and in my own name, I would like to hereby extend my appreciation to all of you for today's constructive and fruitful discussion, and particularly for the interest you have expressed in the National Report of North Macedonia.

We are aware that no society is immune to the serious challenges it faces coming in the shape of corruption, questioning the principle of adhering to the rule of law, freedom of the media, the rights of persons with disabilities, of vulnerable categories, and more, all of which put into question to a greater or lesser extent the exercise of fundamental human rights and freedoms.

Your recommendations, remarks, and comments will be taken into consideration with due diligence, all with a view to improving the efforts and activities that our country has been undertaking in the area of promotion and protection of human rights and freedoms.

In the meantime, we remain consistent in our determination to cooperate with all UN treaty bodies, as well as with the Human Rights Council and the Office of the High Commissioner, which North Macedonia has also manifested through its candidacy for Council membership in the 2025-2027 period. Being hopeful of receiving your support for it coming to fruition, we will continue working towards improving the efficiency and quality of Council operations primarily focusing on the promotion, protection, and observance of human rights and freedoms.

Thank you for your attention.