**Statement of Kazakhstan at UPR of Oman**

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Kazakhstan welcomes the delegation of Oman and has taken note of the country’s third universal periodic report. We recognize the reforms undertaken to give effect to the recommendations of the last cycle of UPR.

Particularly, we note that Oman withdrew its reservation to Section 4 of Article 15 of CEDAW, thereby according to men and women the same rights with respect to movement of persons and the freedom to choose their place of residence.

Taking these into consideration, we make the following recommendations to the country.

-increase efforts to investigate, prosecute, and convict traffickers, especially for forced labor offenses;

- take necessary measures to combat gender-based violence

We wish the delegation of Oman a successful review.

I thank you