**Statements of Kazakhstan at 38th session of UPR**

**Belgium**

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Kazakhstan welcomes the delegation of Belgium to the third cycle of UPR. We welcome the key reforms undertaken in the justice system of the country to improve the fundamental freedoms of its citizens.

Taking this into consideration, we make the following recommendations to Belgium:.

* Ratify the core human rights treaties, including the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture.
* Establish the Federal Institute for Protection and Promotion of Human Rights in accordance with the Paris Principles with a mandate and all the necessary resources to carry out its functions;
* Establish a national preventive mechanism that reflects the country’s specific institutional arrangements.

We wish the delegation of Belgium a successful review.