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

**Estonia**

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Kazakhstan welcomes the delegation of Estonia to the third universal periodic review. We note the number of positive steps that Estonia has taken since the last cycle. Particularly, the efforts to strengthen its capacity in the areas of reception and integration of refugees into the society and the amendment of the Penal Code criminalizing the recruitment of children in the armed forces or their engagement in acts of war.

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

- Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

- Strengthen efforts to bring the national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.

We wish the delegation of Estonia a successful review.