**Statement by the Delegation of the Kingdom of Bhutan at the 39th Session of the UPR Working Group**

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**Review of Tajikistan**

Bhutan welcomes the delegation of Tajikistan to the UPR session and thanks the delegation for the report. We commend Tajikistan for the progress since its last review.

We note with appreciation the follow-up actions taken by Tajikistan after its second UPR, and in particular the adoption of the National Action Plan for effective implementation of the recommendations, with specific time frame for implementation. In addition, the adoption of strategic documents such as the National Strategy for the Development of Education, State Programme for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (2014-2023) and the Judicial and Legal Reform Programme (2019-2021) are noteworthy.

We welcome the efforts taken by the Government such as adoption of the new decision on the Government Commission on Compliance with International Human Rights Obligations, introduction of human rights topics into the curricula for professional development courses by the Ministry of Education and the introduction of human rights subject in the general education system and higher education establishments.

While welcoming the many measures taken by the Government in implementing the human rights obligations, we would like to recommend Tajikistan to continue its efforts through allocation of sufficient budget and effective follow- up mechanisms.

We wish Tajikistan a successful review.