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We warmly welcome the delegation of Lithuania and thank the Head of the Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

We commend measures introduced by the Government of Lithuania aimed at improving the promotion and protection of human rights within the current review cycle, including the ratification of the core human rights instruments and their optional protocols.

My delegation positively notes the international accreditation of the Seimas Ombudsmen’s Office as a National Human Rights Institution under the Paris Principles with a status “A”.

We also welcome the implementation of 2017-2019 Action Plan for combating trafficking in Human Beings, as well as the appointment of the National Trafficking Rapporteur in 2017.

Herewith, we recommend Lithuania:

* To continue its efforts to strengthen the coordination and improve the combating trafficking in human beings at state and municipal levels;
* To take further steps to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention).

We wish the delegation of Lithuania a successful UPR.