**Universal Periodic Review – 40th session**

**Syrian Arab Republic**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Geneva, 24 January 2022*

*Mr/Ms President,*

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Syrian Arab Republic for its participation in the UPR process and recommends to Syria:

* **to implement the recommendations accepted in the first and second UPR cycles;**
* **to establish national mechanism to identify and held accountable all perpetrators engaged in human rights violations and abuses, especially arbitrary detention, torture, abduction and enforced disappearance of tens of thousands of individuals.**

Poland joins the call of the UN Secretary General and the High Commissioner for Human Rights to all parties to the conflict to ensure the full cooperation with the triple I Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011 and with the special procedures and OHCHR.

We also express great concerns about the escalation of violence and indiscriminate attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure by all parties to the conflict.

We call for ceasing violations against women and children as well as humanitarian workers. All parties should immediately comply with their respective obligations under International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law.

*Thank you.*