**National Statement, delivered by Deputy Permanent Representative, Ambassador Zaman Mehdi, during the 4th UPR Review of Tunisia**

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Mr. President,

We welcome and thank the high-level delegation of Tunisia for presentation of its 4th UPR report.

We recognize Tunisia’s cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms. We also appreciate its ratification of Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse, among others.

We recommend Tunisia the following:

* Continued efforts to combat terrorism and extremism while safeguarding human rights requirements
* Strengthen steps to formulate the community police programme and widen its scope
* Expand projects aimed at developing infrastructure to build and expand prisons and reduce prison overcrowding
* Further reinforce the framework to combat human trafficking

I thank you!