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Thank you, Mr. President.

Lithuania warmly welcomes the delegation of the United Arab Emirates and thanks it for its National Report.

We commend the Government’s active role as a member of the UN Human Rights Council and all its efforts to promote and protect human rights. We welcome the establishment of the *National Human Rights Institution* and acknowledge the achievements in empowering women as well as addressing the protection of women against violence.

Lithuania wishes to offer the United Arab Emirates the following recommendations:

* One, enhance efforts towards adoption of the *National Human Rights Action Plan*.
* Two, consider ratifying the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and its First and Second Optional Protocols.
* Three, further improve the level of accessibility to free education, health and social protection for children with disabilities.
* Four, continue to increase the level of representation of women in decision-making positions.

We wish the United Arab Emirates a successful review.

I thank you.