**KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

**Statement**

**43rd Universal Periodic Review – the Bahamas**

**Wednesday, 3 May 2023**

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Kyrgyz Republic appreciates the engagement of the Bahamas in the UPR process and thanks for presentation of the national report.

We recommend that the Bahamas:

1. Establish a national human rights institution with a broad mandate in full compliance with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights;
2. Establish concrete goals and time frames for strengthening the equal participation of women in public and political life at all levels and create the conditions necessary for the achievement of such goals, and that it adopt measures to ensure de jure and de facto gender parity within political parties and encourage women to stand for election at the national and local levels;
3. Intensify the enforcement of the Trafficking in Persons Act 2008, increasing the financial resources of the programmes of the Inter-Ministry Committee and Task Force and accelerating the establishment of a secretariat to deal with trafficking in persons, build the capacity of the judiciary, law enforcement officers, border police, social workers and health-care professionals for the identification and early referral of women and girls who were victims of trafficking.

We wish the Bahamas all success for its review.

I thank you!