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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of United Arab Emirate led by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, H.E. Anwar Mohammed Gargash to this review. We recognize UAE’s constructive engagement with UPR process and Human Rights mechanism.

We commend the ongoing efforts of the government of UAE to promote the rights of women and to encourage greater participation in politics. In this connection, we welcome the appointment of 8 female ministers in the cabinet in 2016 as well as launching of the National Strategy for the Empowerment and Advancement of Emirati Women (2015-2021). However, more needs to be done for women who are reportedly facing forced marriage, inequality and limitation of freedom of movement, choice of profession.

We see the progress made in the area of labour protection. At the same time, we are deeply concerned with the job security of foreign workers in UAE including abusive working practice, false imprisonment and unlawful deduction of wages as mentioned in the Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/HRC/WG.6/29/ARE/2).

We would like to make the following recommendations,

* Strengthen its efforts to promote gender equality and protect women from domestic violence;
* Take concrete steps in policies and measures for better working practices and conditions for foreign workers.

In closing, we wish UAE a successful UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President.