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**Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan**

**at the 30th Session of the UPR WG / UPR of Cuba**

16 May, 2018

Thank you, Mr. President,

Kazakhstan welcomes the distinguished delegation of Cuba, and thanks it for the presentation of the National Report.

Kazakhstan appreciates the efforts of the Cuban authorities in the area of promotion and protection of social rights of its population.

We welcome in particular the progress achieved in the area of health-care system, including the lower infant mortality, the higher life expectancies, the scientific researches in the area of oncology, and the constant efforts of the Government, despite serious economic difficulties, to maintain and improve the quality of the education services, which are free and accessible by all.

While wishing the Cuban delegation success in the third UPR cycle, Kazakhstan would like to recommend the following:

1) maintain and continue to develop the implementation of policies for the access of the population to quality medical services;

2) continue taking measures to implement the 2017-2020 National Action Plan to prevent and combat trafficking in persons and protect victims.

Thank you, Mr. President!