**Statement by Myanmar Delegation**

**At the 32nd session of the UPR working Group of**

**Afghanistan**

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Mr. President,

 My delegation extends its warm welcome to the delegation of Afghanistan to the 32nd Session of the UPR working group. We appreciate its hard work in preparing the national report and welcome its action plan regarding the previous UPR recommendations.

We have also noted and welcome Afghanistan’s positive achievements since the last UPR. However, we believe that there are more room to improve with regard to the rights of women and children. My delegationwould like to make the following recommendations;

- ensure addressing factors of violence against women including the lack of awareness of people of the law and human rights adequately,

- address challenges to increase girls’ access to education,

- accelerate the process of making the law on family protection that will amend the age of marriage in accordance with the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We wish Afghanistan a great success in the current review.

 I thank you, Mr. President.