Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

UPR32- Cambodia

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Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.

Lithuania warmly welcomes the distinguished Cambodian delegation and thanks it for presentation of national report. We acknowledge Cambodia’s efforts to improve its human rights situation in certain areas and we urge Cambodian Government to consolidate its actions in addressing serious human rights challenges that still persist.

Lithuania would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Take all necessary steps to strengthen the rule of law and to guarantee full judicial independence consistent with international human rights standards.
2. Redouble the efforts to protect freedom of opinion and expression, both online and offline, to ensure and promote safe environment for journalists, human rights defenders and political opposition, and to effectively and thoroughly investigate all attacks against them.
3. Take necessary measures to ensure that the right to freedom of assembly and association is not hindered by arbitrary restrictions and/or excessive use of force.

Lithuania wishes Cambodia success in this UPR and in implementing its recommendations.

I thank you.