**The Speech of the Ambassador of Kazakhstan to the UN and Other International Organizations in Geneva at the adoption of the third UPR of Kazakhstan**

I would like to thank member states, including  those who sent advance questions for their constructive dialogue and recommendations made during the UPR review of Kazakhstan. Special thanks to the Troika members: China, Chile and Iceland for their coordination. Finally, I would like to to thank the secretariat of the working group for their hard work.

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is an unique mechanism that provides an opportunity for us as a member state to report on implementation of our human rights commitments and receive a valuable peer review from member states.

Therefore, we would like to especially thank the member states that supported us by recognizing and noting the progress we have achieved since the second cycle of UPR.

Kazakhstan is committed to cooperating with UN bodies and mechanisms on promoting and protecting human rights. The Government has made standing invitations to all UN HRC Special Rapporteurs and since 2014 received 15 visits of international experts and special rapporteurs. Additionally, we regularly report on meeting our obligations under substantial number of treaties.

President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev in his state of the Nation address this year announced his objective to build a listening state. A state that is both responsive and responsible to the needs of its people. As a result, a reform agenda is being developed in close cooperation with civil society actors.

At his address to the UN General Assembly this year President Tokayev emphasized that he will be steadfast in implementing these reforms.

We assure you that relevant state bodies of Kazakhstan will examine and give due consideration to every recommendation received during this third cycle. We will advise on our decision with regards to the recommendations received in due course.

Concluding my statement, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for this platform and the process of UPR and state that Kazakhstan remains committed to cooperating with the UN bodies and mechanisms to promote and protect human rights.