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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of Kazakhstan and thank them for the comprehensive National Report they have submitted and their detailed presentation today.

We note with appreciation the progress that Kazakhstan has accomplished in the field of human rights, especially in terms of empowering the status of women in the society, under the leadership of President Nazarbayev since its independence.

We support President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev’s efforts on accelerating political reform process and on improving human rights and the quality of life of people.

In this context, we commend the establishment of the National Council of Public Trust with the aim of promoting a meaningful dialogue between the government and the society.

During his address to the UN General Assembly recently, President Tokayev had said that democracy in Kazakhstan is a work in progress and it requires regular scrutiny.

Therefore, we believe that the international community should give adequate time to the new leadership of Kazakhstan on achieving its aims.

We are ready to collaborate with Kazakhstan on this path.

Thank you Mr. President.