Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

UPR35 – Kyrgyzstan

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Lithuania welcomes the delegation of Kyrgyzstan.

We welcome positive steps taken by Kyrgyzstan, in particular ratification of CRPD Convention *(Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities)* and adoption of legislative measures aimed at protection of women’s and children’s rights, and recommend the following:

1. Take all necessary actions, including through awareness raising campaigns and training, to effectively implement legislation on violence against women and girls and ensure that all reports of violence are thoroughly investigated and perpetrators are brought to justice.
2. Enhance the efforts to protect children’s rights by adopting specific practical measures to effectively tackle violence against children and child labour.
3. Create an enabling environment for media freedom and freedom of opinion and expression (both online and offline), including by bringing the appropriate national laws in full compliance with the ICCPR *(International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)* and other international human rights obligations.
4. Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Lithuania wishes Kyrgyzstan all success in the current UPR cycle.

I thank you.