Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, Madam President.

Lithuania warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Armenia. Commending Armenia on the substantial progress achieved in the last 18 months in strengthening human rights, we would like to offer the following two recommendations:

1. To implement the envisaged comprehensive reform of the justice sector with a view to establishing a genuinely independent judiciary and increasing public trust in it.
2. To intensify efforts in creating safe and enabling environment for civil society, human rights defenders and journalists and to ensure that threats and attacks against journalists and human rights defenders, notably those working in the field of anti-discrimination and women’s rights, are duly investigated.

Lithuania wishes Armenia all success in the current UPR cycle and in continuing the positive change.

I thank you.