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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to welcome the distinguished Delegation of Uzbekistan and thank them for their informative presentation. We welcome the candid and constructive approach adopted by Uzbekistan in the preparation of their National Report while taking into account the views of a large section of civil society. It validates the principles of openness and transparency as well as that of the creation of a social partnership between the State and civil society of their Human Rights Policy.

We would like to commend Uzbekistan for the progress made towards the promotion and protection of human rights both during the first phase of building the foundations of statehood and during the second phase of reform and modernization.

My delegation notes with interest the reforms recently introduced, particularly the adoption of laws strengthening of the role of the political parties and further democratization and those guaranteeing work of non governmental organizations and the media.

Mr. President, the delegation of India is particularly pleased to learn that in recent years the Government of Uzbekistan has dedicated more than 50% of its budget towards social development and more than 30% to education. We felicitate Uzbekistan for having attained universal literacy, an achievement which is commendable indeed. The policy of providing free education and that of imparting human rights education in schools is welcome indeed.

Lastly, Mr. President, we take note of the priorities that Uzbekistan has outlined for itself and we wish them success in the future.

Thank you, Mr. President.