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Mr. President, Distinguished Members of the Delegation of the United Arab Emirates,

My delegation would like to welcome the Delegation of the United Arab Emirates and thank them for their comprehensive presentation. We would like to congratulate the UAE for the open, cooperative and positive approach that it has undertaken in its preparation for the review. We appreciate the inclusive and comprehensive methodology adopted for the preparation of the National Report, particularly the dedication of a website to this effort.

We take this opportunity to commend the UAE for the progress made in the field of protection and promotion of human rights, and their commitment to respect human rights while upholding their cultural and pluralistic traditions.

My delegation notes with interest efforts being made by the UAE to further promote political participation. We commend the UAE for the giant strides made towards the empowerment of women, a fact vindicated by its

high ranking in the Gender Empowerment Index of the Human Development Report. A representation of 22.5% in the Federal Nations Council by women and a literacy rate of 97% amongst young women are impressive indeed.

The UAE has one of the highest numbers of migrant workers in the world, a large proportion of who come from India. We therefore, follow with interest the measures taken by the Government to improve the working conditions of workers. We are also actively engaged with the Government of the UAE at the bilateral and regional levels.

We would like to compliment the UAE for its comprehensive development strategy which ^{has} resulted in all round progress as reflected in the UNDP 2008 Human Development Report.

Finally, my delegation would like to wish the Government and people of the UAE all success in their endeavours.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.