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Mr. President,

India welcomes the delegation of Kyrgyzstan led by H.E. Mrs Jyldyz Mambetalieva, the Deputy Minister of Justice, and thanks the delegation for its presentation and National Report. India's relations with Kyrgyzstan, a country in its extended neighbourhood, have been characterised by a rich historical and cultural legacy. We have been concerned about the recent internal developments and hope that peace and stability would soon return to the country.

2. We take positive note of Kyrgyzstan's constructive co-operation with the OHCHR Regional Office for Central Asia in Bishkek and its accession to most international human rights instruments. We appreciate the country's efforts to secure the human rights of its citizens, including, *inter-alia*, the implementation of the National Human Rights Programme 2002–10, which has led to a gradual yet notable improvement in the legislative and institutional sphere with regard to human rights. In particular, we welcome the establishment of institutional mechanisms for the protection of the rights and interests of children. Both CRC and UNICEF have noted with appreciation the adoption of the Code of Children, which sets out a broad legal framework for a decentralized system of child protection and services.

3. Similarly, the achievements of the National Plan of Action for Gender Equality have been substantial. Today, women account for 52 per cent of Government posts at national and local level. Also, it is commendable that the mandatory quota of a 30 per cent representation of women in the Kyrgyz Parliament has been duly met. Further, the adoption of the Law on State

Guarantees for Equal Rights and Equal Opportunities, and the positive provisions for women in the Election Code have come in for praise by the Special Rapporteur on violence against women.

Mr. President,

4. While poverty is on the decline, 35 per cent of the population still continues to live below the national poverty line. In this context, the adoption of the Medium-term National Development strategies which aim to improve the standard of living through targeted social reforms is a significant development.

5. Lastly, while we take note of the functioning of the Office of Ombudsman since 2002, we would request the delegation to share its views on establishing an independent National Human Rights Institution in full compliance with the Paris Principles. We would also encourage Kyrgyzstan to consider ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Thank you, Mr. President.
