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UPR of Tajikistan - INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE

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INTERVENTION BY INDIA

Madam President,

India warmly welcomes the delegation of Tajikistan and thanks the delegation for its National Report and presentation, which reflects the commitment of the country to the Universal Periodic Mechanism.

02. We commend Tajikistan for having ratified most human rights treaties and establishing the necessary legislative basis at the national level. We also note that CEDAW had commended Tajikistan for a number of decisions that provided a basis for the implementation of its international human rights obligations, including the "State System of human rights education in the Republic of Tajikistan" programme.

03. My delegation notes with interest the recent measures undertaken by Tajikistan, including measures for more complete and timely records of births, amendment to the family code raising the age of marriage from 17 to 18 years and simplifying procedures for adoption of orphans and continuing the moratorium declared in 2004 on the imposition and execution of death sentences. We also welcome the measures being undertaken aimed at further strengthening the judicial branch, enhancing the role of the courts in comprehensively defending human and civil rights and freedoms.

04. However, as the country itself acknowledges, insufficient resources come in the way of full and rapid reforms. In particular, we note that the Government has said it would welcome further technical assistance for the construction of prisons and encourage the international community to heed its call. We wish Tajikistan the very best in their endeavours to continuously improve human rights situation in their country.
