

National Statement, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary, during the 4th <u>UPR Review of Uzbekistan</u> <u>(44th Session of UPR)</u> <u>8 November 2023</u>

Mr. Vice President,

We warmly welcome the delegation of Uzbekistan and thank it for the presentation of its 4th UPR report.

We appreciate Uzbekistan's continued engagement with the UN human rights machinery, including the UN treaty bodies. We also commend various institutional, policy and legislative steps taken for promotion and protection of human rights in the country, including through the enactment of Development Strategy of the New Uzbekistan 2022-2026; National Program for Human Rights Education; National Commission on Children and the National Commission on the Enhancement of the Role of Women in Society.

In the spirit of constructive cooperation, we have the following recommendations:

- Continued actions under the Development Strategy for New Uzbekistan to further strengthen its measures for promoting good governance and realizing the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Continue its measures under the National Strategy for Achieving Gender Equality for further empowering women in the public sphere; and
- Further strengthen the Children's Rights Ombudsman's Office and continue its efforts for protection of children from all forms of violence.

We wish Uzbekistan a productive and successful review.

I thank you!