

**Statement by the delegation of Cambodia for UPR of the former Yugoslav
Republic of Macedonia
At the 18th Session of the UPR WG of the HRC
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Mr. President,

- 1 First of all, on behalf of the Cambodian delegation, I would like to express my warm welcome to the delegation of the Republic of Macedonia, led by H.E. Ambassador Igor Dzundev, Director for Multilateral Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia to the 18th Session of the UPR Working Group and also thank the delegation for the presentation of its National Report.
- 2 Cambodia appreciates the continued progress achieved by the Republic of Macedonia in the protection and promotion of human rights in the country. We note that since its first UPR, Macedonia has made very important advances in legal matters pertaining to human rights, especially by adopting various Laws and National Strategies which include, among others, the adoption of the Law on the Prevention and Protection against Discrimination, the Law on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, the National Action Plan on Gender Equality, as well as a National Action Plan for Fight against Trafficking in Human Being and Illegal Migration.
- 3 Cambodia welcomes Macedonia's ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol as well as the signing of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. We also appreciate Macedonia's consideration on the possibility for ratification of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.
- 4 With a view to further promoting human rights protection in the country, Cambodia wishes to make the following recommendations for the consideration of Macedonia:
 - a- to continue its effort in the active implementation of the National Strategy for the Fight against Human Trafficking and Illegal Migration.
 - b- To further run public awareness campaigns on legal protection against discrimination.

Thank you, Mr. President!