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Mr. President,

1. I would like to conclude my statement by expressing our thanks and appreciations to you, and to all members of the bureau for providing me and members of the delegation with the opportunity to engage in this constructive debate for the adoption of the UPR Report with the international community at this Plenary Session of the Council. I wish express my sincere gratitude to all delegations for their contributions and observations, especially for those constructive comments and critical concerns along with the sharing of experiences in improving the human rights situation in the country. Cambodia has taken this UPR review with a positive note and encouragement at national level.

Mr. President,

2. The adoption of the first UPR process for Cambodia had been very beneficial to us. It offers the government to further consider the direction and avenue to assess and reflect on our achievements and shortcomings in the promotion and protection of human rights in Cambodia. Having gone through the review process, we are certain that the UPR is indeed an innovative and promising mechanism for the promotion and protection of human rights worldwide. We are convinced that this process, conducted as it was in the spirit of collegiality and goodwill has laid down a groundwork for the further implementation of the government in line with the policies and plans of action for the enhancement and protection of human rights in Cambodia.

3. The issues as raised during the whole process of dialogues shows that Cambodia's review has been given a holistic consideration covering areas of political, civil, economic, social, and cultural, rights, development, vulnerable groups and gender and children. The ratification of core human rights treaties, institutional building process, and many others issues and concerns were addressed with a constructive tone. The advancement of the rights of women and children and the eradication of poverty, were some of the accomplishments and challenges, highlighted. These to us are the acknowledgement to our approach for the protection and promotion of human rights.

4. We therefore wish to extend our sincere gratitude for the delegations that had given recognition and appreciation for our achievements and the challenges. We thank also others who disagree with us and address the concerns with constructive and positive contribution with respect to the constraints and shortcomings in other areas for the furtherance and encouragement of complying with human rights obligations at the national level.

5. It was generally perceived that while progress has been made, the experiences from member states are essential in the continued policy of the Government's implementation to promote and advance human rights in Cambodia.

6. As a society, Cambodia has proven that the different views do not hinder us from advancing the cause of human rights in the Country. Cambodia has thus learnt to share the values of tolerance and freedom in our society with all the attributes of its own uniqueness, and characteristics in order to overcome the challenges ahead. We consider that all of these are a source of strength and positive input toward progress.

7. The delegation of Cambodia fully acknowledges that the process of development of the country is undertaken not without its own challenges ahead. We therefore continue to address all the constraints and shortcomings, in order to further advance all fields of human rights. We also appreciate the technical assistance and support by the development partners in this endeavour.

8. We wish, once again, to reaffirm our commitment to striving for the strengthening of rule of law, the promotion of good governance, integrity and accountability, as reflected in our relevant laws, policies and plans of actions of the Government. We firmly believe that all of these efforts are crucial for us to make further success and achievement for our National report through the next UPR process.

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9. The UPR is a mechanism of the HRC that provides an environment of cooperative and non-confrontational approach as envisaged by the creation of this procedure. As an evolving process, the HRC will certainly further improve its mechanism in the years ahead. We wish to assure you of Cambodia's commitment to the success of the UPR process as a whole and the development of the Human Rights Council into the true global forum on human rights that it was established to function. With that, I wish to conclude that Cambodia will join other member states to work constructively on the review of the HRC for its further improvement.

I thank you, Mr. President.