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Addendum

Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review

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1. The United Arab Emirates is firmly committed to the Universal Periodic Review and considers this mechanism as a unique and very important mechanism to the continued promotion of human rights on the ground and an opportunity to share best practices in the field of human rights in all parts of the world.

2. With this in mind, the UAE carefully reviewed the 180 recommendations made during the UPR in January 2013, through extensive consultations and meetings held by the Standing Committee for Universal Periodic Review (UPR), which was established pursuant to a Cabinet decision in 2010. The Standing Committee is responsible for following up on the outcome of the UPR process and is composed of a number of representatives from both federal and local government institutions as well as civil society organizations concerned with human rights in the United Arab Emirates.

3. The UAE is pleased to announce that it has accepted 100 recommendations, partially accepted 7 recommendations, taken note of 50 recommendations and rejected 19 recommendations. The latter are recommendations to which the State is not in a position to comply with at this stage, because their incompatibility with the application of the provisions of the Islamic Sharia or the national constitutional and legal legislation, or their inconsistency with the value and civilizational system of the UAE society are not considered to be within the universally agreed basic principles of human rights.

4. The partial support to a recommendation means that the UAE agrees on a part of the recommendation and takes note of the other part, which may be in conflict with the application of the provisions of the Islamic Sharia, or may require amendment of the constitution or national legislation or may be in conflict with them.

5. The position of the United Arab Emirates on the recommendations made during its second UPR is as follows:

(a) List of recommendations accepted by the United Arab Emirates:

128-22, 128-23, 128-25, 128-41, 128-42, 128-43, 128-44, 128-45, 128-46, 128-47, 128-48, 128-49, 128-50, 128-51, 128-52, 128-53, 128-55, 128-56, 128-57, 128-58, 128-59, 128-61, 128-64, 128-66, 128-68, 128-69, 128-74, 128-75, 128-76, 128-77, 128-78, 128-79, 128-80, 128-81, 128-83, 128-85, 128-86, 128-88, 128-89, 128-91, 128-94, 128-96, 128-97, 128-98, 128-99, 128-100, 128-103, 128-105, 128-106, 128-109, 128-111, 128-114, 128-118, 128-119, 128-128, 128-129, 128-130, 128-131, 128-132, 128-134, 128-137, 128-138, 128-139, 128-140, 128-141, 128-142, 128-143, 128-144, 128-145, 128-146, 128-150, 128-151, 128-152, 128-153, 128-154, 128-155, 128-156, 128-157, 128-158, 128-159, 128-160, 128-161, 128-162, 128-163, 128-164, 128-165, 128-166, 128-167, 128-168, 128-169, 128-170, 128-171, 128-172, 128-173, 128-174, 128-175, 128-176, 128-177, 128-178, 128-179.

(b) List of recommendations partially accepted by the United Arab Emirates:

128-24, 128-33, 128-34, 128-35, 128-40, 128-84, 128-121.

(c) List of recommendations taken note of by the United Arab Emirates:

128-1, 128-2, 128-3, 128-4, 128-5, 128-6, 128-7, 128-8, 128-9, 128-10, 128-11, 128-12, 128-13, 128-17, 128-18, 128-19, 128-20, 128-21, 128-26, 128-27, 128-28, 128-29, 128-30, 128-31, 128-32, 128-36, 128-37, 128-38, 128-39, 128-54, 128-60, 128-62, 128-63, 128-65, 128-67, 128-71, 128-72, 128-73, 128-82, 128-90, 128-92, 128-93, 128-102, 128-104, 128-107, 128-108, 128-115, 128-116, 128-117, 128-133, 128-147, 128-148, 128-149, 128-180.

- (d) List of recommendations not accepted by the United Arab Emirates:
128-14, 128-15, 128-16, 128-70, 128-87, 128-95, 128-101, 128-110, 128-112, 128-113, 128-120, 128-122, 128-123, 128-124, 128-125, 128-126, 128-127, 128-135, 128-136.
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