

Closing Statement by
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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank all countries for the constructive comments and for taking time to share your views with us today. Your positive reflection is a great encouragement for all agencies involved. We would certainly continue our efforts. At the same time, we have also taken due note of your concerns. They have made us even more determined to work even harder to address the remaining challenges.

My delegation will seriously consider all the recommendations given to us. We hope to accept as many recommendations as possible. But we will take a realistic approach and make sure that the recommendations we decide to accept do correspond with our capacity to implement them. Still, my delegation is confident that we will be able to announce our immediate acceptance to many of the recommendations as they are in line with our fundamental principles, norms, and policies. In fact, many are currently being implemented with some progress.

The Cabinet has also most recently approved additional pledges that we will voluntarily implement in the follow-up phase. These include the accession to some pending international treaties, the amendment of a number of laws to make them more consistent with our international obligations and recommendations from treaty bodies, the submission of the voluntary mid-term update to the Council as we did for the first cycle, the promotion of human rights education and awareness raising, the promotion of human rights principles with the business sector, and the enhancement of cooperation with civil society and other partners. We will share the details of our voluntary pledges with the Troika so that they are included in the report to be adopted this coming Friday.

Mr. President,

I would like to reiterate our determination to work closely with all stakeholders in the follow-up stage. We also intend to raise awareness of the Review outcome and the recommendations that we will accept to the wider public so as to make the implementation more robust, participatory, and successful.

I thank you.

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