

National Statement, delivered by Permanent Representative, Amb. Khalil Hashmi, during the 4th UPR Review of United Arab Emirates (43rd Session of UPR) <u>8 May 2023</u>

Mr. Vice President,

We warmly welcome the high-level delegation of UAE and thank it for the presentation of its 4^{th} UPR report.

We commend UAE and the steady progress it continues to make on several facets of human rights including its cooperation with the UN human rights and UPR mechanisms. We welcome UAE's commitment to further strengthen national human rights frameworks through institutional, legislative and policy steps, including National Programme for Tolerance and the Gender-Balance Strategy.

We have the following recommendations:

- Continue with a rights-based approach into climate management, mitigation policy and disaster risk reduction plans;
- Continue to support initiatives for children with a focus on developing their skills; and
- Continue its on-going efforts to promote human rights in social, economic and cultural domains.

We wish UAE a productive and successful review.

I thank you!