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Mr. Rajiv Chander, Minister

Interactive dialogue with SR on Human Rights in Belarus

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Mr. President,

We have gone through the latest report of the Special Rapporteur on Belarus and also listened to his introductory remarks. Once again, his conclusions and recommendations appear to us to be lacking in exactitude, are prescriptive and ~~strangely~~ <sup>strangely</sup> intrusive in content. In our view, they go far beyond the scope of his mandate and do not contribute to the spirit of dialogue and cooperation that, we believe, should inform the work of the Human Rights Council. The steps suggested by the Special Rapporteur ~~are~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~designed to~~ <sup>only</sup> further alienate the Government of Belarus without in any way contributing to the promotion and protection of human rights for the people of Belarus, the primary responsibility for which lies with the Government of Belarus.

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to reiterate our reservation about the indiscriminate use of country-specific resolutions against the wishes of the country concerned. We believe that promotion and protection of human rights can be best achieved through cooperation and genuine dialogue. A confrontational approach often proves to be counter-productive.

Thank you.