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Thank you, Mister President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for the presentation of her last report and the work she has undertaken in the six years of her mandate.

We continue to be concerned over a wide range of human rights violations in Belarus, including arbitrary arrests, enforced disappearances, torture and other form of ill-treatment, as well as the complete crackdown of civil society and political opposition.

We regret that no international observers by the OSCE were invited to monitor the parliamentary and local elections in February 2024 and that political opposition was not represented in electoral committees.

Mister President,

Cooperation with international human rights mechanisms is an important element of credible commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights.

We urge Belarus to cooperate with the mandate of the Special Rapporteur, including by granting access to the country and implementing recommendations, as well as other UN and OSCE mechanisms, particularly in view of the 2025 Presidential Elections.

I thank you, Mister President.