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Madam President,

Uganda expresses its sincere appreciation to the Government and peoples of Algeria for a well written and informative report as well as the oral submission by H.E. Mourad Megelci, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

We note with appreciation the efforts undertaken by Algeria in the field of human rights.

Uganda has noted the continued engagement with the UN treaty bodies and procedures and believes that increased effort in this area will reap better benefits for both Algeria and the international community.

We also note with appreciation Algeria's generous voluntary contributions to the international community and enhanced cooperation with OHCHR.

The criminalisation of torture is a welcome development.

Algeria's high ranking by UNDP in human development and the policies leading to such ranking will greatly help it to achieve even better service delivery to its peoples.

We recommend to the Government of Algeria the following;

- (1) continue addressing the special needs of women in their strategy for the promotion and protection of human rights of its people;
- (2) adopt legislation on violence against women covering inter alia domestic violence and sexual crimes against women.

Thank you.