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Madame President,

First of all, we would like to welcome the delegation of Ecuador to the UPR Working Group session and thank the distinguished ..... for the introductory statement.

Ecuador adopted the new Constitution in 2008 which recognizes it as a constitutionally established State governed by the rule of law and justice. We believe that Ecuador will continue the relevant measures in order to effectively utilize the advanced mechanisms set out in this very document for safeguarding human rights and priority issues.

We note with satisfaction the state replies to the recommendations made during the first cycle of UPR, especially those concerning the judicial reforms. As highlighted in the report, we would like to mention the relevant restructuring programme embarked on by the Transitional Judicial Council which includes continuing professional development training for judiciary staff and the creation of a new judicial training institution. We recommend Ecuador to continue its efforts to guarantee access to justice and the provision of timely, efficient, effective and high-quality services.

We also welcome the efforts of Ecuador in combating poverty through the comprehensive social policies envisaged in the Sectoral Agenda for Social Development. In that regard, the introduction of child development programme for the protection of children under 5, who still live in poverty or extreme poverty is deemed very important. We recommend Ecuador to further its measures aimed at reduction of poverty and dealing with food insecurity and access to water resources.

We have taken due note of the record of the cooperation of Ecuador with treaty bodies. In similar vein, we would like to know the current state of affairs on cooperation between Ecuador on the one hand and CESCR and CERD on the other hand, as well as dynamics of reporting process due to the relevant obligations undertaken.

Thank you for your attention.