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Statement of the Algerian Delegation
on the UPR of Finland

Geneva, May 2012

Mme. President,

My delegation welcomes the distinguished delegation of Finland.

My delegation highly appreciates the commitment of the Government of Finland to achieve the recommended Millennium Development Goal of committing 0.7 % of GNP to Official Development Assistance.

We encourage Finland to consider reviewing its position regarding the ratification of ICMW as this is a core human rights instruments aiming at protecting rights of a vulnerable social category.

We encourage Finland to take new initiatives to eliminate the gender-based pay gap in addition to the tripartite equal pay programme aiming at reducing the gender-based pay gap to 15% by 2015.

We took positive note of the efforts being deployed to prevent racism and xenophobia, especially on the Internet, as recommended in the 1st cycle, through the amendment of the Criminal Code to provide additional powers to intervene in racist and other hate speech, and in other racist crimes.

We recommend that Finland step up its efforts to combat racism and xenophobia and to ensure that racially-motivated crimes are promptly detected, investigated and sanctioned.

We appreciate the efforts of the Government with regard to the implementation of the recommendations related to combating violence against women and children.

Finally, we would like to ask the delegation to elaborate more about the objectives of the first Finnish National Human Rights Action Plan, which was supposed to be discussed by the Government in last March.

Thank you.