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Madame President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of India and appreciates the elaborate presentation of India's national report.

My delegation appreciates India's efforts at guaranteeing human rights for all in a multi-religious, multi-cultural, multi-linguistic, multi-ethnic and secular context.

We take positive note of the balanced attention to civil and political rights on a par with economic, social and cultural rights. We particularly recognise the steps taken to ensure the rights to education, food, and health. We recommend the Indian government to further efforts towards addressing the challenge of maternal and child mortality.

My delegation is particularly interested in India's National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and would like to gain more information in this regard.

We further appreciate the comprehensive approach taken towards children's rights and recommend the Indian government to further coordination among relevant national authorities and human rights institutions. My delegation also recognises the attention paid to the empowerment of women, including improving women's political participation, and recognizing them as agents of sustained socio-economic growth and change. My delegation recommends the Indian government to continue following up on steps taken to eliminate discrimination against women, including through awareness raising and continued strengthening of the relevant legal and institutional frameworks.

I thank you.

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