



Statement

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Thank you Mr. President for giving me the floor,

I would like at the outset **to express my delegation's warm welcome to Honorable Mustafa Ramid, Minister of Justice and Liberties of the Kingdom of Morocco and congratulating him for his Statement** and presentation of a frank and comprehensive overview of the situation of Human right in the Kingdom.

I would also like to register my government felicitations to Morocco for the successful implementation of the recommendations emanated from the previous examination of the Country under the UPR.

Morocco is currently undergoing an auspicious historical moment that brings about favourable conditions for the enhancement of Human Rights. Indeed, positive achievements have been met in different fields such as freedom of opinion and expression, promotion of culture of human rights, promotion of economic, social, cultural and environmental rights.

The report also speaks volumes in terms of the enhancement of the rights of specific groups, namely the women's rights, Children's rights, Migrants rights, and the rights of the people with disability.

The efforts by Morocco to reduce the incidence of disability by 20% by year 2015 and to implement measures to improve access to education, employment and sports, are commendable.

We note with satisfaction that significant improvement has taken place in promoting gender equality, in actions against gender violence and in bringing in gender-sensitive budgeting.

Mozambique praises the Kingdom of Morocco for its remarkable success in dropping child mortality rate and for its efforts against child labour and exploitation, which includes the discouragement of employment of child girls as domestic workers.

The Morocco emphasis on the promotion of the right to healthy environment is a remarkable innovation that will cater for the preservation of natural heritage and sustainable development.

The establishment of the Inter-ministerial Unit on Human Rights, the Embellishment of the National Human Rights Council, and the creation of the Office of the Ombudsman stands out as bold step taken by the Kingdom within the actions supporting the promotion of Human Rights.

We commend Morocco for having ratified the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol, the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Convention, and the Protocol to Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children.

My delegation encourages Morocco to continue with its commitment to expedite the development of a new legislative and institutional framework on the rights of refugees in line with the 1951 Geneva Convention.

I wish the delegation of Morocco a successful outcome of the Review.

I thank you!

