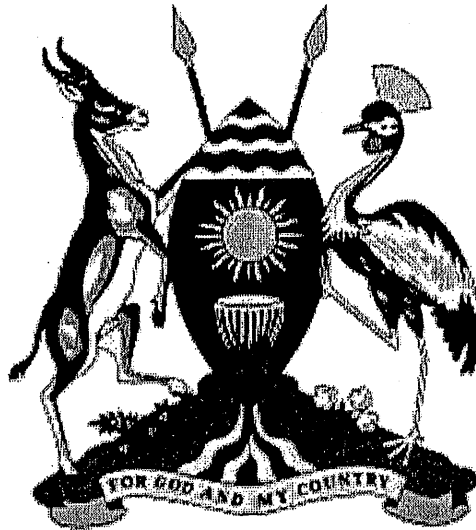


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**UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

**National Report of the Kingdom of Morocco  
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Madam President,

We thank H.E. Mustapha Ramid, Minister of Justice and Freedoms for the succinct and informative introduction of his country's report.

We acknowledge the broad consultations and participatory process in the making of the report that included multiple stakeholders and the OHCHR.

Uganda has carefully studied the follow-up to the consideration of the Report of Morocco under Part IV of its written report and the identification of best practices.

We note with appreciation the structural reforms undertaken by Morocco leading to the adoption of the new Constitution as well as the adoption of the National Action Plan for Democracy and human rights.

Uganda commends Morocco for its continued dialogue with treaty bodies and special procedures.

We further note with appreciation the establishment of an Inter-Ministerial Unit on Human Rights as well as a National Human Rights Council and the Office of the Ombudsman.

The reforms being carried out in the justice system also deserve recognition as is the attention paid by Morocco to the promotion of social, cultural, and environmental rights. We particularly note the measures undertaken to support the purchasing power and job creation for Moroccans under the Compensation Fund.

Finally we taken note of the challenges and obstacles outlined in the report.

Madam President,

We recommend that Morocco continues to uplift the rights of special groups such as women and migrants through its equality agenda for 2011-2015.

Thank you.