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DRAFT INTERVENTION OF REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA IN OCCASION OF UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF REPUBLIC OF BENIN

Madam President,

Allow me to welcome the delegation of Benin on this session.

The Angola delegation commends the constructive spirit that Benin delegation has just shown on this universal periodic review.

The Angola delegation notes with satisfaction the efforts made by the Government of Benin in improving the situation of human rights in several areas, such as the right to health care and education, despite the many challenges that still faces the country.

Since the submission of its report in first UPR cycle, the Republic of Benin has made remarkable progress in matters of promotion and protection of human rights.

The Angola delegation welcomes the constitutional reforms made by the Benin Government which led to the abolition of the death penalty and creation of relevant national institutions in view of strengthening the human rights in country

The Angola delegation also commends the adherence by the Republic Benin to several international instruments of promotion and protection of human such as: the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention on the Rights of people with disabilities and its optional protocol; the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

I cannot conclude without acknowledging the progress made by the Benin Government in areas of education and health care services leading to reduction of diseases like malaria.

I thank You Madame President.