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**STATEMENT OF THE TROIKA BEFORE THE ADOPTION OF THE WG REPORT
ON BENIN**

Distinguished Minister of Justice of Benin,

Mrs. President of the Human Rights Council,

I have the honour to present on behalf of the troika composed of Botswana, Kuwait and Romania the draft report of the Working Group UPR of Benin distributed under the reference A/HRC/WG.6/14/L.7.

During the interactive dialogue with the State under review held on 25 October 2012, 62 delegations delivered their statements and 7 Members States sent advance questions. As a result, Benin was addressed 129 recommendations out of which 123 enjoyed the support of the country; Benin which considers that 8 are already implemented; 5 did not enjoy de support of Benin and one will be examined by Benin which will provide a response in due time, but no later than the 22nd session of the Human Rights Council in March 2013.

The troika would like to thank the delegation of Benin led by H.E Madame A. Marie-Elise C. Gbedo, Minister of Justice, Legislation and Human Rights, Garde des Sceaux and Government Spokesperson as well as other delegations for their constructive and active engagement in the process and the preparation of this report.

The troika would also like to address its thanks to the secretariat for its active support during the entire process.

Before concluding, I would like to point out that the recommendation from Liechtenstein listed under Para 107.1 includes a typo. The word "Put" at the beginning is unnecessary thus it should be deleted.

The troika submits this report to the Working Group for adoption.