



UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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Madam President

The Republic of Uganda welcomes the delegation of Benin led by the distinguished Minister of Justice for Human Rights, and congratulates them on the presentation of their national report as well as on the inclusive process adopted during the preparation of their National Report

Uganda commends the Government of Benin for putting in place a broad and elaborate legal and policy framework for handling human right issues. We believe that the establishment of the National Council for the Promotion of Gender Equity and Equality that has been put in place to handle Gender Equity and Equality is a positive new step.

Uganda further commends the efforts of the Government of Benin in the area of the right to health where it has recorded achievement in the fight against the wild polio virus since 2009 and the elimination of maternal tetanus.

Further, Uganda appreciates the efforts of the Government of Benin in promoting the rights of women and Children, and protection for families, the elderly and Persons with disabilities. Of special note is the appointment of Nine Juvenile judges who were trained with the support of UNICEF.

Uganda recommends that Benin takes more steps to expand free education to cover all grades in secondary schools. Along this recommendation, we wish the sister nation of Benin success in all its endeavours.

Thank you.