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Thank you madame president,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Gabon to the second cycle of the Universal periodic review and would like to thank them on the comprehensive statement and informative report.

We congratulate Gabon on their efforts to implement the recommendations made to them in the first cycle of UPR.

On the issue of gender equality we commend Gabon on pursuing a more practical policy to

fight discrimination against women the has been trying to increase public awareness of the

conventions ratified by Gabon in the area of the rights of women and children

Further more, we welcome adoption of the United Nations Plan of Action (2005–2009) for the World Programme for Human Rights Education focusing on the national school system.

We commend the adoption of an act on preventing and combating child trafficking in Gabon,

In this regard, we recommend Gabon to strengthen and enhance the role of women especially in the decision making areas.

Thank you,