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Thank you -
M me President

The Ugandan delegation congratulates the Government of Gabon for fulfilling its obligations and updating us on the Human Rights situation since 2008. We thank H.E ^{The Min of Justice} ~~Ida Reteno~~ for her succinct introduction of the UPR report and for the informative oral updates. We commend Gabon for implementing a significant number of recommendations received by it.

We note in particular Gabon's impressive achievements in the area of education especially the law making education compulsory for all Gabonese Children and foreign children residing in Gabon ~~between~~ ^{up to} the ages ~~3 and~~ ^{of} 16 years.

Uganda also lauds Gabon's efforts in submitting its national reports to treaty bodies. We particularly note ^a ~~the National report on Human Rights (2003-2010)~~, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2011) and the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (2006-2011). We also ^{appreciate} ~~note~~ the efforts of the Court of Gabon in involving all relevant stakeholders in its consultative process.

Uganda recommends that the Government of Gabon takes more steps in tackling the 'Upsurge' in Ritual Crimes as this is an issue that many African States are challenged with and must be roundly condemned by all ^{specially}.

Thank you.

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~~We appreciate the assurances~~