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STATEMENT BY KENYA ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> UNIVERSAL  
PERIODIC REVIEW OF BURUNDI

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headed by H.E. Clotilde Niragira, Minister of  
National Solidarity, Human Rights  
& Gender. We

M. President,

We warmly welcome the delegation of Burundi <sup>1</sup> and thank them for the detailed presentation of their national report.

We commend Burundi's overall commitment to improving the human rights situation. We note that a lot of progress has been achieved in implementing some of the recommendations already accepted during the last Review. We note in particular ~~the~~ <sup>of</sup> the updating the Code of Criminal Procedure, and ~~in~~ <sup>the</sup> consenting to additional international legal instruments. The recent creation of the national human rights institution is also noted.

We encourage Burundi to continue instituting further governmental initiatives with a view of strengthening the administration of justice and the rule of law.

In this regard, Kenya wishes to **recommend** that Burundi puts in place a national strategy containing effective measures aimed at strengthening the independent functioning of the judiciary.

**I thank you.**