

Thank you Mr. President,

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

We welcome the efforts made by Burundi to reduce poverty, crisis prevention and rehabilitation, sustainable development and promoting of gender equality and empowerment of women.

We commend the new innovation on the criminal code such as the abolition of the death penalty, an increase in the age of criminal responsibility from 13 to 15 and measures to protect children against domestic violence.

In 2005 Burundi adopted the United Nations Plan of Action for the World Program for Human Rights Education focusing on the national school system.

In this regard we encourage Burundi to adopt a national plan of action on children's rights.

And we would like to make the following recommendations:

1 - To continue ensuring that living conditions in prisons are adequate for the development of the child and try to seek alternative measures to institutional confinement for pregnant women and mothers with young children.

2- To ensure that schools are safe places for children, particularly girls.