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Madam President.

The Ugandan delegation notes with appreciation the commitment of the Government of the Republic of Burundi towards fulfilling its obligations and presenting a comprehensive report. We thankH.E.Clotilde Ndiragiso..... for her succinct introduction of the UPR report and for the informative updates. We note in particular, Burundi's achievements in the following:

- The implementation of measures aimed at respecting the minimum quota of 30% for the representation of women in decision-making bodies. It is noteworthy that Burundi has 35% of its Ministerial posts held by women.
- The adoption of Criminal Code in 2009, that provides for serious punishment for trafficking in women and girls as well as exploitation and prostitution. The trafficking of women and girls is a vice that has infiltrated our societies and these needs to be tackled head-on.

Finally, we recommend that the Government of Burundi continues to integrate human rights approach into its policies and education at various levels and calls upon the international community to help Burundi in achieving its set objectives.

Thank you.