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**Universal Periodic Review of the Republic of France – intervention by
Poland**

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Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of France for their active participation in the UPR process and their presentation of the second national report.

The delegation of Poland welcomes the engagement of France in the field of human rights and its continuous support to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Having reviewed thoroughly the relevant documentation, Poland would like to present the following recommendations :

- to reinforce the legislative framework and institutional mechanisms aimed at excluding all discriminatory practices that prevent equal access to employment for persons belonging to ethnic, national or religious minorities;
- to consider introducing provisions explicitly prohibiting corporal punishment against children;
- to ensure that all policies concerning Roma are consistent with the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination.

Thank you, Mr. President.