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Statement by the delegation of Rwanda

Thank you Mr President,

My delegation would like to welcome the delegation of Luxembourg and thank them for their comprehensive national report and continued engagement in the UPR process.

My delegation congratulates the Government of Luxembourg for its substantial efforts and progress in different areas of human rights, such as gender equality, particularly with regard to the policy framework for equality between men and women set in the government programme for 2009-2014.

My delegation further congratulates Luxembourg for the ratification of the UN convention on the Rights of persons

with disabilities (CPD) and its optional protocol as well as the adoption of new laws to complete the legislative instruments to combat human trafficking.

Finally, We recommend the government of Luxembourg to continue its positive engagement in promoting equality between women and men by speeding up its voluntary programmes designed to increase the number of women on decision making bodies as outlined it the national report.

I thank you Mr President