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**UPR of Cameroon  
Statement by Poland  
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Mr. President,

The delegation of Poland would like to thank the delegation of Cameroon for their participation in the UPR process and informative presentation of the national report today.

We note with appreciation the recent developments in the human rights infrastructure in Cameroon, including new laws strengthening the compliance of the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms with the Paris Principles.

Poland is concerned about the situation of two particularly vulnerable groups in Cameroon: women and children. According to CEDAW, the situation of women and girls, especially in rural areas, remains very difficult. High rates of violence against women, harmful traditional practices and lack of sufficient legal protection result in an extremely vulnerable position of women in society. That is why Poland would like to recommend, that Cameroon:

- **adopt legislation on prevention of all forms of violence against women and gender-based discrimination.**

Moreover, in spite of the recent amendment of the Child Trafficking Act, we note serious problems with exploitation and trafficking of children and high levels of violence against children. Therefore, we would like to recommend that Cameroon:

- **enhance the legal protection of children against all types of violence and prohibit, through adequate legislative measures, all forms of corporal punishment.**

Thank you for your attention.