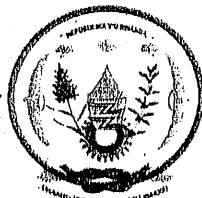


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Statement by: Rwanda delegation

Mr President,

Rwanda warmly welcomes the delegation of Cameroon to the 2nd Cycle of the UPR and thanks Cameroon for its comprehensive report.

We note with satisfaction the efforts made by Cameroon in promoting and protecting HRs, in particular, the adoption of the Growth and Employment Strategy Paper (GESP) in 2010 aimed at improving and strengthening the rule of laws as well as achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

We commend the measures taken to improve the judiciary system in order to strengthen its independence.

Rwanda also acknowledges Cameroon's efforts to promote women's rights and to fight against violence and discrimination in all their forms.

Finally, Mr President, my delegation would like to recommend that the government of Cameroon:

- *Continues its efforts to ensure the total eradication of the harmful traditional practices of Female Genital Mutilation.*
- *Considers the abolition of the death penalty*

We wish the government and people of Cameroon great success in their endeavours.

I thank you Mr President