

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**PERMANENT MISSION OF RWANDA
GENEVA**

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Statement by: Rwanda delegation

Thank you Mr President,

Rwanda warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Cape Verde to the 16th Session of the UPR working group and thanks the delegation for the comprehensive presentation of its national report.

Rwanda is pleased to acknowledge the positive steps, which Cape Verde has taken, particularly the establishment of the independent national Human Rights Committee (CNDH) with the mandate of protection and dissemination of human rights and humanitarian law.

We commend Cape Verde for preparing the draft of the new statute of the national Human Rights Committee in accordance with the Paris principles and we hope that it will come into force upon the establishment of the office of the Ombudsman.

We welcome Cape Verde's ratification of a number of international instruments at both regional and international levels.

My delegation recommends Cape Verde to:

- To continue to strengthen the rights of women, eliminating sexist stereotypes that lead to discrimination against women in public and private life,
- To ratify the 1960 Convention against Discrimination in Education,
- We call upon Cape Verde to encourage the parliament to speed up consultations underway to ensure the appointment and functioning of an ombudsman.

Finally, my delegation extends its best wishes to Cape Verde in its future endeavours towards the promotion and protection of human rights.

I thank you Mr President.