



SOUTH AFRICAN PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND
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STATEMENT BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION DURING THE 16th
SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC
REVIEW

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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the delegation of Cape Verde to the 16th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review. We thank the delegation for the updated information presented to the Working Group today.

South Africa appreciates the detailed information provided in the national report on the implementation of accepted recommendations. Cape Verde has strengthened its legal framework for the promotion and protection of human rights through the signature and ratification of a number of international human rights instruments.

We further commend the steps taken in the area of respect for and protection of children's rights. Cape Verde is party to many international and continental instruments concerning the rights of the child and has also worked closely with UNICEF and the Institute for Children and Adolescents. **South Africa recommends that the Government of Cape Verde continue to strengthen the regulatory framework for the protection of the rights of children.**

The national report also sets out the needs of Cape Verde in relation to international cooperation and technical assistance. South Africa urges the

international community and the OHCHR to provide Cape Verde with the requested support to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights of all its citizens.

Finally Mr President,

South Africa thanks the delegation of Cape Verde for the constructive interaction with the Working Group today and wishes the Government well with the implementation of the accepted recommendations emanating from the Working Group today.

I thank you.