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Thank you Mr. President,

welcome and
We thank the Cape Verdean delegation for their informative national report and their detailed presentation today.

We appreciate the collaboration of the Cape Verdean Government with various NGOs in preparing and adopting the draft document.

We praise the solidly entrenched pluralist democratic tradition in the country which ensures free elections. This has been repeatedly demonstrated, most recently during the successful presidential and parliamentary elections of 2011.

Further, we regard Cape Verde as one of the most advanced countries in West Africa in terms of human rights.

We observe with appreciation that Cape Verde has ratified most of the basic United Nations human rights treaties. In this respect, we recommend Cape Verdean authorities to pursue their ongoing efforts to enhance their cooperation with Treaty Bodies and other relevant human rights mechanisms and to better fulfill their reporting obligations.

We welcome the progress made in the field of rights of the child, especially the measures taken to ensure the right to education.

As birth registration is prerequisite to the enjoyment of all other human rights and to have access to services, including health and education, we would like to recommend Cape Verde, in line with the recommendation made by the Committee on the Rights of the Child, to continue its ongoing efforts to raise birth registration levels through the revision of the Code for Civil Registry.

With a view to effectively enforce the laws prohibiting all forms of violence, including corporal punishment of children, we recommend the Cape Verdean Government to enact legislation that explicitly prohibits corporal punishment of children in the home.

I thank you Mr. President.