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**Statement of the Algerian Delegation  
on the UPR of Colombia**

Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes H.E Mr. Angelino Garzon, Vice President of Colombia and the high-level delegation and thanks them for their thorough presentation.

We carefully examined the national report which highlighted the efforts of Colombia in promoting human rights despite persistent challenges. We wish to underline particularly the National Development Plan for 2010–2014, “Prosperity for All” which establishes human rights goals and points the way towards social inclusion and reconciliation as well as the encouraging achievements in the field of economic and social rights.

We appreciate the steps undertaken by the Government in combating poverty, ensuring adequate housing, education and health services.

It was stated in the national report that persons with disabilities represent 6% of the population.

**We recommend that Colombia further strengthen its efforts in promoting the rights of persons with disabilities and to ensure their integration in the society.**

We note with satisfaction the State policy towards children, in particular the adoption of the National Strategy for Early Childhood which focuses on 1.2 million children living in poverty or extreme poverty and involves a considerable increase in funds.

**We recommend that Colombia continue in implementing its National strategy in favour of children with particular attention to children victims of landmines as well as to pursue its efforts in preventing the involvement of children in armed conflicts.**

Finally, we are encouraged by the ongoing Peace Process initiated in Colombia and we are confident that it will consolidate peace in the country and enhance the enjoyment of human rights by the population.

**Thank you.**