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**Angolan Statement to the Russian Federation Review at the 16th Session of the
Universal Periodic Review
(29th April 2013, Geneva)**

Mr. President,

Angola warmly welcomes the delegation of Russian Federation to the second cycle of the UPR, headed by Honourable, ~~MR~~ ALEXANDER KUNCEVICH.

Angola commends Russian Federation for presenting its national report, especially the positive steps taken towards the implementation of recommendations from the first cycle of the UPR.

In this regard, Angola welcomes the ratification of several regional and international instruments related to Human Rights, including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by the Russian Federation.

Angola also appreciates the legal and administrative measures taken by the Russian Federation to ensure the respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms by members of the security forces, and as well as increases public awareness on police activity.

Angola commends the Russian Federation efforts to the implementation of CIS Program of Cooperation 2011 – 2013, aimed to countering trafficking of persons as well as for the establishment of Coordinating Committee on Gender Issues at the Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

All these steps show the country's commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights and to cooperate with the international community.

Angola recommends the Russian Federation to intensify its efforts to combat all discrimination based on social, racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious grounds.

Angola wish the delegation of Russian Federation fruitful review .

I thank you.

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First Secretary