



**SOUTH AFRICAN PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND
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**STATEMENT DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE CENTRAL
AFRICAN REPUBLIC**

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Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of the Central African Republic and commend their participation in the Working Group today. This is an indication of the willingness of the Government to engage in processes aimed at enhancing the promotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights by its citizens and which will contribute to lasting stability in the country.

We appreciate that the report sets out the challenges and constraints faced by the country. These challenges and constraints are more severe as the Central African Republic is in a post conflict situation. In this regard, South Africa calls upon the international community to provide the requested technical assistance and capacity building to accelerate the elimination of the identified obstacles. South Africa recommends that the Central African Republic continue to take all necessary steps to ensure political stability and the creation of an environment conducive to the promotion and protection of human rights.

The Central African Republic is party to a number of international human rights instruments. South Africa recommends that the necessary steps be taken domestically to ensure compliance with the obligations under the international human rights instruments to which it is a party too.

Mr. President,

South Africa remains committed to assisting the Central African Republic to overcome the challenges it faces and will continue to support the work of the African Union in the country. We wish the Central African Republic well with the implementation of the accepted recommendations emanating from today's working group session.

I thank you.