

## UPR WORKING GROUP – SEVENTEENTH SESSION

[21 October – 1 November 2013]

### UPR OF CHAD - INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE

[29 October 2013: 1430 – 1800 hrs]

#### INTERVENTION BY INDIA

**Mr. President,**

H.E. Mr. RAOUL LAOUNA <sup>CHONG</sup> India warmly welcomes the delegation of the Chad led by to their second Universal Periodic Review and thanks the delegation for its National Report and the presentation made earlier today.

2. We take positive note of the progress made by Chad in improving the human rights situation as mentioned in the report and the presentation made by the delegation today. In particular, we commend the steps taken to improve the protection of children and women including through the recent ratification of the two Optional Protocols on the Convention of the Rights of the Children and ratification of various regional human rights instruments in this regard.

3. We note with interest the setting up of the Committee on International Legal Instruments responsible for monitoring of implementation of international instruments to which Chad is a Party. We appreciate Chad's candid acknowledgement of the challenges faced by the country in the promotion and protection of human rights and its engagement with various regional bodies and United Nations bodies and programmes in addressing these challenges. We encourage Chad to continue to engage with relevant international bodies and mechanisms and the international community at large to overcome the remaining challenges.

4. We recommend that Chad takes appropriate measures to institute a National Human Rights Commission with a clear and independent mandate that is in line with the Paris Principles.

5. We wish the delegation of Chad well in its future endeavours.

Thank you, President.

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