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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the delegation of Chad to the 17th Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review. We congratulate Chad on the submission of their national report and also appreciate the updated information provided this morning.

South Africa welcomes the steps outlined in the national report to enhance the protection of women's rights and eliminate all forms of discrimination against women. We would encourage the Government of Chad to continue this trend and take further actions to ensure that women are afforded equality and are not subjected to any forms of discrimination in all spheres of their daily living.

Mr. President,

We applaud the efforts of the Government of Chad to promote, protect and enhance the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights of its citizens. Actions to combat poverty and improve the health and education sectors are welcomed. Policies such as the National Development Plan 2013-2015, the National Youth Support Fund and the construction of numerous hospitals and health centres, amongst others, showcases the Government's commitment to improving the enjoyment of the economic, social and cultural rights in the country.

South African would like to provide the following recommendations for the consideration of the Government of Chad:

1. Take further steps to bring the National Human Rights Institution in line with the Paris Principles;
2. Take steps to fully implement and enforce laws on violence against women and to ensure that victims are able to benefit from the existing legislative framework.

Finally Mr President,

We would also like to thank the delegation of Chad for the interaction with the Working Group today and wish them well for the follow-up processes to be undertaken.

I thank you