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Mr. President

Uganda warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Congo led by H.E Bienvenue Okiemy.

At the outset we wish them success in implementing the agenda set up by their Government to advance their legislative and policy measures aimed at ensuring the people of Congo quality enjoyment of their human rights, and call for their appropriate responsibilities.

Uganda wishes to single out the following exemplarity measures and interventions taken by the Congolese Government.

1. Participatory and inclusive national process in compiling, drafting and approval of the report.
2. Strategy to combat poverty and strengthen economic growth and service delivery especially vulnerable groups.
3. Consolidation of peace and democracy right from the grassroots.
4. Elaboration of a comprehensive agenda to improve health sectors especially to fight the scourge of HIV/AIDS, maternal mortality and child mortality.
5. Provision of free scholastic and education materials up to secondary school level.
6. Joint action plan to with Benin to combat child trafficking.

We recommend that the Government of Congo

1. Continues to ratify relevant International Conventions
2. Continues its efforts to combat all forms of discrimination.
3. Ensures the protection of and respect for persons with disabilities.

I thank you, Mr. President.