

Statement of Kenya
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on the
Review of Mexico
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Mr. President,

We commend the Government of Mexico for its continued commitment to the enhancement of human rights for all.

Mexico remains one of the States that are active participants in the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council, and it continues to engage collaboratively with others in the work of the Council.

Kenya has noted the important advances Mexico has continued to institute since the last UPR, with the view of reinforcing and expanding constitutional guarantees and the rights and freedoms of individuals. These important measures include the introduction of the concept of "legitimate interest" or *amparo* as a constitutional guarantee; as well as the further strengthening of the national human rights institution. The inclusion of key human rights strategies and goals in the current National Development Plan 2013-2018 is also welcome.

In this light, it is noted that efforts are being made in the socio-economic forum, to address the challenges of extreme poverty and hunger. We welcome the Government's strategies to enhance the realization of the right to health, the right to education, and the right to housing, to mention but a few.

Recommendation

Kenya would recommend that Mexico continues to enhance its efforts to further strengthen the judicial institutions.

I thank you.