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Mr President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Mexico to the UPR Working Group and thanks the delegation for the presentation today.

We take note of the developments in Mexico since the first cycle of the UPR four years ago, as comprehensively explained in its national report.

It is noteworthy that initiatives targeted at addressing poverty and social development, including the increase in public expenditure on social programmes, have resulted in the reduction of social service deficits. We note the emphasis being placed on eradicating hunger and ensuring food security for those living in extreme poverty with strategies such as the National Crusade Against Hunger.

We also note that Mexico has made progress in the protection of migrants and that attention is also being paid to unaccompanied child migrants with a view to ensuring their physical and mental integrity.

We welcome incentives given to children of less privileged families to encourage their school attendance, and congratulate Mexico for having achieved universal coverage of primary education in the academic year 2011-2012.

Mr. President, my delegation wishes to make the following recommendations to Mexico:

1. Further strengthen measures to combat migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons;
2. Consider ratifying the Convention on Discrimination in Education.

Finally, we wish Mexico success in its UPR engagement.

Thank you.