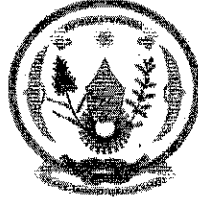


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**PERMANENT MISSION OF RWANDA
GENEVA**

**Human Rights Council
Universal Periodic Review of Senegal, 21st October 2013**

Statement by: Rwanda Delegation

Thank you Mr President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Senegal headed by H. E Sidiki Kaba, Minister of justice for their comprehensive National Report and continued engagement in the UPR Process.

Rwanda Commends Senegal's developments since its first UPR, especially with regard to the normative and institutional framework for the protection of human Rights. In particular, we note with satisfaction the establishment of the following legislative framework:

- National Unity to combat Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children,
- National Observatory on Gender parity,
- Human rights Directorate as well as National Human rights Advisory Council. To mention few.

My delegation notes with appreciation that the new National Assembly contains 65 women representatives out of 150 members.

We also commend Senegal for the measures taken to combat FGM.

My delegation would like to make the following 3 recommendations :

- ***To continue its positive engagement towards total eradication of excision by 2015 as indicated in national Action plan.***
- ***To continue to promote the empowerment of women***
- ***To consider ratifying the 2nd OP P to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.***

To conclude, Rwanda would like to offer its best wishes to the government of Senegal and people of Senegal in their future endeavours towards the promotion and protection of Human Rights at all levels.

Thank you Mr. President