



**STATEMENT BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION DURING THE REVIEW
OF SENEGAL**

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Mr President,

We extend a warm welcome to the high level delegation of Senegal present at the Working Group of the UPR. We appreciate the comprehensive presentation this afternoon and the updated information provided.

We commended the extensive and participatory approach followed in preparation of the national report for the second cycle. The national report also outlines a number of institutional steps taken for the promotion and protection of human rights. These include a National Unit to Combat Trafficking in Persons; a National Observatory on Gender Parity; a Human Rights Directorate and a National Human Rights Advisory Council. **South Africa recommends that the necessary resources be made available to these important institutions to ensure that they fulfill their important roles.**

Senegal has developed the new National Strategy for Economic and Social Development 2013-17. This aims to be a realistic and innovative approach to accelerate growth. It is important that programmes continued to be developed which will enhance the standard of living of the population, reduce poverty and contribute positively to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Senegal's commitment to the development of the Continent, as a founding member of NEPAD, continues to be displayed through policies aimed at sustainable growth and development. **South Africa recommends that Senegal continue to prioritise policies aimed at promoting equality, ensuring the reduction of poverty and strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights for all.**

We thank Senegal for the engagement with the working group today and wish them well for the implementation of the accepted recommendations. I thank you.