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Mr. President

Uganda warmly welcomes and thanks the Government of Senegal for its cooperation and engagement with the United Nations Institutions, especially the Human Rights Council and its UPR mechanism.

We note in particular the following notable achievements:

1. The ratification of and accession to relevant UN and African Union Conventions especially those protecting the most vulnerable.
2. The establishment in 2010 of a National Unit to Combat Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children,
3. The establishment of a National Family Welfare Grant programme and poverty reduction which aims at tackling the vulnerability and social exclusion of families through an integrated social protection approach.

We recommend that the Government of Senegal raises the age of marriage to 18 and above in order to reduce on the problems of early marriages.

Thank you Mr. President.