

Statement of Kenya
at the
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on the
Review of Cambodia
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Mr. President,

Kenya welcomes the delegation of Cambodia to this second UPR review, and wishes to commend the Government for the importance it attaches to the work of the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council.

We welcome the recent ratification of additional human rights instruments, including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. The commitment to fulfill Cambodia's human rights treaty obligations through the submission of national reports to the treaty bodies is also encouraging.

We have also noted that the continued presence in Cambodia of an office of the OHCHR is providing the Government of Cambodia with critically needed assistance in key areas including: prison reform; fundamental freedoms; land and housing rights; rule of law and promotion of the legacy of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia.

Recommendations

Kenya would make the following two recommendations: first, that Cambodia further enhances its cooperation with the OHCHR, as well as the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council; and second, that Cambodia further strengthens its judicial institutions, and the national human rights institution, in order to guarantee their effective independence.

I thank you.