

Statement of Kenya  
at the  
18<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group  
on the  
Review of Yemen  
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**Mr. President,**

We welcome the delegation of Yemen to this second review meeting and thank them for the comprehensive presentation of their national report.

We are encouraged to note that in spite of the domestic challenges Yemen has experienced since 2011, the Government of Yemen has remained committed to the protection and promotion of human rights. In particular, we note its commitment to cooperating with the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council and the OHCHR. Since the last review, Yemen has also ratified additional human rights instruments, and continues to fulfill its treaty reporting obligations under the various human rights instruments.

We further welcome the measures taken since 2012, to enhance the role of women in society, and in decision-making processes. We would, in this regard, encourage that Yemen undertake further measures and strategies to ensure the full participation of other vulnerable and marginalized segments of society in all spheres of life.

**Recommendation**

Kenya would recommend that Yemen takes the necessary steps to complete the establishment of the national human rights institution, in line with the Paris Principles.

**I thank you.**