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Mr President, South Africa welcomes the delegation of Bhutan to this UPR Session and the presentation of its national report. We are also pleased to be a member of the Troika for this review.

South Africa commends Bhutan for its commitment to ensuring the realization of all human rights of its people. We welcome efforts such as the New Development Paradigm, which prioritizes environmental conservation, sustainable and equitable socioeconomic development, preservation of culture, and good governance. We further welcome progress on universal health coverage and encourage measures to counter the increasing burden of non-communicable diseases.

South Africa encourages Bhutan to continue all efforts towards the promotion, protection and fulfillment of human rights and would like to pose the following recommendations:

While acknowledging the efforts made in the provision of free basic services, to establish a comprehensive and institutionalized national social security policy; and

In welcoming the National Plan of Action for Child Protection, to recommend the establishment of a National Child Welfare Committee, as provided for by the Act.

I thank you