



The Republic of Uganda

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Democratic Republic of Congo
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Mr. President,

Uganda welcomes the delegation of DR. Congo to the 19th session of the Working group of UPR and would like to commend them for the comprehensive introduction of their second cycle UPR Report.

We have noted that since the last review of DR. Congo, some remarkable progress has been made in the field of promotion and protection of human rights and these include:

- The establishment of the High Council for Broadcasting and Communications
- The establishment of the Independent National Electoral Commission
- The creation of protection unit for Human Rights Defenders
- And the creation National Human Rights Commission

Uganda has further noted that DR. Congo has established National Fund for the promotion of women and children and the National Strategic Development, literacy and Informal Education Plan 2012-2020.

These are very important developments if they are translated into actions for the promotion and protection of the welfare of the Family which is the backbone of DR. Congo as a Sovereign State.

We recommend that:

1. DR. Congo extends its Sovereign jurisdiction to the protection of the people of the Country and takes concrete steps to eliminate all the negative forces operating on the eastern part of the Country.
2. The International Community assists the DR. Congo in strengthening the operational capacities of its Provincial human rights divisions within the Country.