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Universal Periodic Review of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Statement by the Republic of Poland

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Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo for their participation in the UPR process and presentation of its second national report.

Poland takes note of the efforts undertaken by the government of DRC to address the precarious situation of human rights. Particularly, we welcome the adoption of the *Plan of Action to Combat the Recruitment and Use of Children, and other Grave Violations of the Rights of the Child, by the Armed Forces and Security Services of the Democratic Republic of the Congo*, and the promulgation of law which envisages the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission.

Poland would like to **recommend** the Democratic Republic of the Congo to:

- ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- adopt provisions prohibiting polygamy, early marriage and female genital mutilation.

Additionally we **recommend** that DRC:

- fully implements the Rome Statute of the ICC;

I thank you for your attention.