

Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the delegation of Equatorial Guinea to the 19th session of the UPR. Armenia recognizes a number of positive changes since its last review, inter alia, pertaining to the right to education, right to health, women's rights.

However, Armenia is concerned that Equatorial Guinea has not yet ratified a number of international human rights instruments. We attach high importance to the ratification of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Armenia commends the steps taken to eliminate gender stereotypes and discrimination against women. Nevertheless, we are concerned about the cases of sexual harassment at school, teenage pregnancies and early marriages preventing adolescent girls from finishing their secondary education. We would like to know what steps the government is taking to address the accessibility of the education for women in the context of the above-mentioned problems.

We also note the investments in health sector and health infrastructure, as well as measures undertaken towards the improvement of reproductive health. However, we acknowledge that there still remain a number of challenges to be addressed.

Therefore, Armenia recommends that Equatorial Guinea:

- 1) Accedes to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.
- 2) Takes all necessary measures to improve women's access to reproductive health care and related services.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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