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Mr President, South Africa welcomes the delegation of Equatorial Guinea 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 welcomes the commitment by Equatorial Guinea in ensuring the fulfillment of human for its people. We further welcome efforts in education and on addressing HIV/AIDS in the context of the Government's "Vision 2020" and the National Economic and Social Development Plan, which is aimed to address the country's developmental challenges.

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

- (1) to step up efforts to combat poverty, especially in rural areas and disadvantaged and marginalized regions; allocate sufficient funding for this purpose; and ensure that economic, social and cultural rights are fully addressed in all anti-poverty measures;
- (2) to promulgate legislation on a moratorium on the death penalty; as referred to in the National Report.

I thank you.