

*20<sup>th</sup> Session of the Universal Periodic Review  
Review of Angola  
Statement by Armenia*

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We welcome the delegation of Angola to the 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR and thank them for the presentation of the national report.

Armenia appreciates the efforts directed towards strengthening the national human rights institutions, the right to health, gender equality and combating violence against women. We also appreciate the legislative initiatives and changes in the country, particularly signing and ratifying numerous international Human Rights Instruments. However, we are concerned that there still remain a number of important international instruments to be ratified. Armenia particularly attaches high importance to the accession to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Armenia commends the expansion of education and awareness raising programs in the fight against trafficking of persons and combating stereotypes and harmful practices. We also welcome the establishment of the Coordinating Committee for the Integration of Human Rights in Subsystems Primary and Secondary Education, as well as organised training workshops on human rights in cooperation with civil society organisations.

Armenia also welcomes the steps undertaken by the government of Angola directed towards the protection and promotion of the rights of the child, inter alia, through the 2011 Strategy for the Prevention and Combating of Violence against Children, the 2012 law on the Protection and Full Development of Child. However, we consider that there still remain challenges to be addressed in the field of the promotion of the rights of the child.

Therefore, we have 2 recommendations to Angola:

- 1) To accede to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and
- 2) To further expand the initiatives aimed at reaching better protection of the rights of the child.