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**Statement by His Excellence Ambassador Pedro Comissário  
to the Second Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review of the  
Republic of Angola**

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Thank you Mr. Chair!

Allow me, first of all, to welcome, warmly, His Excellency Dr. Rui Manguera, Minister of Justice and Human Rights of the Republic of Angola and the distinguished delegation accompanying him.

It is with great pleasure that we took note of the report just submitted, reflecting the progress Angola made in implementing the recommendations of the 1st Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review in 2010 and beyond.

We took note with appreciation that, in this context, the country has managed to ratify (i) the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Optional Protocol, and (ii) the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Additional Protocols.

We have welcomed, too, the fact that the country has signed several other instruments on Human Rights, such as (i) the Convention on the Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Punitive Measures and (ii) the

Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination.

We congratulate Angola for having held the International Conference, in preparation of the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission, in the spirit of the Paris Principles. We envisage that, once established, the National Human Rights Commission will provide the opportunity to improve the Country's performance even more, with respect to the protection and promotion of Human Rights.

Regarding the prevention of human trafficking, we are living witnesses of the great contribution Angola has made to the work of the Conference of Ministers of Justice Committee in charge of the elaboration of a strategy and CPLP Plan of Action on the matter.

The important work being done by the Commission for Justice and Legal Reform is worthy of appreciation, for it aims at aligning national legislation with international legal instruments on Human Rights, process that has resulted in the adoption of the Customary Code, Law on Mediation and Conflict Resolution and Law Framework on the Statute of Judicial Magistrates, among others.

We would recommend that Angola resume invitations to Special Rapporteurs to (i) the Rights of Migrants and to (ii) Adequate Housing, whose visits have not taken place due to their agenda.

Finally, we wish success to Angola in this year's Universal Periodic Review.

Thank for your attention