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Review of Angola

**Statement by Rwanda delivered by H.E. François-Xavier  
Ngarambe, Ambassador and Permanent Representative**

Thank you Mr President.

1. Rwanda warmly welcomes the delegation of Angola led by the Honourable Minister of Justice and Human Rights, Rui Mangureira and thanks you for the presentation of your national report.
2. Rwanda commends Angola for its continued efforts to promote and protect the human rights of its people and to consolidate the democratic process. We particularly commend Angola for the notable progress it has registered in reforming the justice sector and improving access to justice. We welcome the various institutional and policy initiatives aimed at improving the human rights laws of Angola including through the Ombudsman's office, Inter Sectorial Commission for Human Rights Reporting (CIERDH) and the ongoing discussions on establishing a NHRI.
3. Rwanda notes with appreciation, Angola's signing of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR on the Abolition of the Death Penalty and looks forward to its ratification. We further commend Angola's continued efforts to promote gender

equality and combat sexual and gender based violence through various legal provisions and the implementation of policies aimed at reducing disparities between men and women.

**Rwanda would like to make the following recommendations:**

- Consider ratifying the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.
- Intensify its efforts to establish a National Human Rights Institution fully in accordance with the Paris Principles.
- While noting Angola's exemplary cooperation with the United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms, consider issuing a standing invitation to the UN human rights Special Procedures.

We wish Angola every success in the implementation of the recommendations of this UPR. Thank you.