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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the delegation of Angola led by H.E Rui Jorge Carneiro Manguera and the presentation of the country's National Report which highlights significant developments since its first UPR in 2010. Angola has since embarked on a new era with the adoption of a new Constitution, establishing a democratic State based on the rule of law. We further welcome efforts towards the protection of women and children, including the increasing number of women in the workforce and in this regard are encouraged by the development of a National Plan for Employment and Job Training.

South Africa notes that consideration is being given to setting up a National Human Rights Institution and **recommends** that Angola strengthen the mandate of the Provedor de Justica and ensure it functions in accordance with the Paris Principles relating to the Status of National Institutions.

South Africa commends Angola for the recent ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol and notes that several International Human Rights Instruments are currently in the process of ratification. South Africa **recommends** proceeding with the ratification of the Additional protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on the Abolition of the Death Penalty and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

South Africa commends Angola for the successful development path undertaken in the last decade with the Angolan economy now flourishing after decades of civil war and also recognizes that a lot still remains to be done in terms of infrastructure development and the improvement of social conditions of the population. In this regard we **recommend** that more resources be allocated to social services, skills development and public infrastructure.

We wish the delegation of Angola a successful review for the current Session.

I thank you.