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Review of Bolivia (Plurinational State of)

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Mr President, South Africa welcomes the delegation of Bolivia to this UPR Session and the presentation of its comprehensive national report.

South Africa commends Bolivia for championing the concept of "Buen Vivir" which challenges the fatally defective developmental model of material accumulation by prioritizing the protection of the environment and economic, social and cultural rights, including the Right to Development, the rights of Indigenous Peoples and the rights of the poor to emerge from poverty. Significantly, this approach calls for greater accountability over patterns of consumption and production including by Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises. South Africa further welcomes Bolivia's role within the UN human rights system on the Rights of Peasants and Indigenous Peoples.

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

- (1) To fully implement the Comprehensive Act 348 on Guaranteeing a Life Free of Violence for Women; and
- (2) To complete the national process on the establishment of a National Preventive Mechanism in accordance with the OP-CAT.

We wish Bolivia a very successful review during the current Session.

I thank you.