



30
New Version

Statement delivered by South Africa

20th Session of the Universal Periodic Review

Review of Madagascar

03 November 2014

Check against delivery

Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the delegation of Madagascar to this UPR Session.

We welcome the strides undertaken by Madagascar since the last UPR in 2010 including recent efforts on ensuring food security and implementation of social infrastructure and projects, particularly on the realization of the Right to Health. We further recognize that Madagascar has faced a serious political crisis, which has reduced its ability to fulfil obligations under the Covenants it is party to and the realization of the MDGs. South Africa will continue to support Madagascar in the context of its inclusive national reconciliation process and we encourage the international community to support Madagascar in its development path including with our SADC partners.

South Africa encourages Madagascar to continue all efforts to promote, protect and fulfill human rights and recommends the following:

- (1) To ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol and implement a national strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- (2) To combat violence against women and children, by implementing existing legislation and adopting comprehensive measures to address all forms of domestic violence; and
- (3) To strengthen efforts on the implementation of its national poverty strategy.

We wish the delegation of Madagascar a very successful review for the Session.

I thank you.