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Statement by Rwanda Delegation

Thank you Mr. President.

Rwanda welcomes the delegation of Armenia and thanks them for the presentation of their National report today.

We have noted the positive steps taken by Armenia since its last UPR in 2010, including the ratification of more international conventions relating to human rights.

We further commend Armenia for the adoption in 2013 of the law on equal opportunities for women and men aimed at ensuring gender equality.

We commend the government of Armenia for the programs put in place against gender-based violence including strategic program to fight gender-based violence for the period of 2011-2015. We have noted with appreciation the progress made in fighting against human trafficking. In particular we are pleased to learn that Armenia had the 3rd ranking position among 191 countries for the year 2013 in anti-trafficking efforts.

We recommend Armenia to:

- *Double its efforts in addressing the persistent gender discrimination*
- *To speed up the process underway to ratify the international Convention on the rights of migrants workers and member of their families.*

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We wish Armenia a successful Review

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