STATEMENT BY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM DURING THE REVIEW OF REPUBLIC OF GUINEA AT THE 21TH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW 20 JANUARY 2015

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Mr. President,

I'd like to warmly welcome H.E. Mr Kalifa Gassama Diaby, Minister of Human Rights and Civil Liberties of the Republic of Guinea and thank him for the comprehensive briefing.

Brunei Darussalam commends Guinea's commitment to promote and protect human rights in the country, in full cooperation with its various domestic agencies as well as with the regional and international organisations.

We recognised that the government has achieved considerable progress in respect of measures aimed at the rights of the vulnerable groups especially women and children. In particular, we are encouraged by the initiatives undertaken to enhance the rights of children in the country, including the endorsement of several policy papers to this effect as well as adoption of the Children's Code, which subsequently brought the national legislations in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other regional and international legal instruments.

In this regard, Brunei Darussalam **recommends** Guinea to continue its efforts to continue the promotion and protection of the rights of its children.

Thank you.