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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the delegation of Guinea to this UPR Session and the presentation of its comprehensive national report which outlines the achievements and clear strategic vision but also the existing challenges in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. South Africa commends the efforts of Guinea aimed at giving a new impetus to the economic and social development in the country and in their fight to bring an end to the Ebola epidemic.

We encourage Guinea to continue all efforts towards the promotion, protection and fulfillment of all human rights, including the Right to Development and would like to make the following recommendations:

- 1) Consider establishing a National Human Rights Institution in accordance with the Paris Principles;
- 2) To strengthen measures against the practice of female genital mutilation; and
- 3) To strengthen efforts on the implementation of Guinea's Poverty Reduction Strategy.

We wish Guinea a very successful review during this Session.

I thank you.