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## Statement by Rwanda Delegation

Thank you Mr. Presiden

Rwanda welcomes the delegation of Guinea-Bissau to the 21st Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report on the progress made concerning the implementation of the 1st cycle recommendations.

Rwanda takes positive note of the measures taken by the government of Guinea-Bissau aimed at implementing its international human rights obligations in the field of Human rights. In this regard, we appreciate the adoption in 2011, of the national policy for the justice sector.

We further note with appreciation the adoption of the national law criminalizing FGM as well as the awareness programs on violence against women. We commend Guinea-Bissau for its various activities to promote children's rights. In particular, Rwanda takes positive note of the creation of the children's parliament.

Finally, Rwanda would like to make the following three recommendations to Guinea Bissau for consideration:

- To Create conditions for the most vulnerable to have access to basic education and health services;
- To improve detention conditions for all, particularly women and youth;
- To further promote gender equality and women's participation in public life.

In conclusion, my delegation wishes Guinea-Bissau every success in the 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR process.

I thank you Mr. President