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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the delegation of Guinea-Bissau to this UPR Session and the presentation of its national report.

South Africa commends Guinea-Bissau for the peaceful 2014 general elections, the return to constitutional order and the new Government's commitment to inclusiveness, tolerance and initiating reforms. We further commend the implementation of the recommendations of the last UPR Review.

South Africa encourages Guinea-Bissau to continue all efforts towards the promotion, protection and fulfillment of all human rights, including the Right to Development and would like to pose the following recommendations:

- 1) To strengthen efforts to reduce maternal and child mortality; and
- 2) To improve the performance of public institutions in the protection, promotion and fulfillment of human rights in the country.

We wish Guinea-Bissau a very successful review during this Session.

I thank you.