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Statement by Rwanda Delegation

Thank you Mr. President.

Rwanda warmly welcomes the delegation of Kenya Headed by the Attorney General Professor Githu Muigai and wishes to express appreciation for the presentation of the national report.

Rwanda commends the progress made by Kenya in the promotion and protection of human rights since its first Review in 2010. In particular we applaud the promulgation of the new constitution, which was followed by a successful, peaceful and historic presidential election. We also applaud the creation of the strong institutions aimed at safeguarding and upholding the principles of democracy and human rights. Rwanda enjoys belonging in the same regional intergovernmental organisation (EAC) with Kenya and we highly appreciate the significant role of Kenya in strengthening and upholding the core values of our regional organisation.

We note with appreciation the adoption of Kenya's Vision 2030 and its Poverty reduction Strategy.

We commend Kenya for its open door policy for refugees from neighbouring countries.

We recommend Kenya to:

- **Continue its efforts towards the abolition of the death penalty.**
- **Continue strengthening counter-terrorism measures**

Finally, we call on the international community to provide Kenya with meaningful technical assistance and support in all areas highlighted by Kenya in her national report.

I thank you Mr. President