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Thank you Mr President,

We would like to warmly welcome the Delegation of Spain to the 21<sup>st</sup> UPR Session and to congratulate it on the progress achieved in the field of human rights, on the ample ratification of the relevant international instruments as well as its constant cooperation with the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council. We also congratulate Spain on its National Report which provides a complete and clear picture of the challenges the country faces in adequately protecting human rights. We welcome improvements in the legal framework aimed at the millions of persons with disabilities in Spain and its active role in this area and the Human Rights Council and other international fora.

Taking into account the country's strong commitment for the protection and promotion of human rights, we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. **We recommend** that Spain proceed to the development of a new National Human Rights Plan and a National Plan of Action to combat violence against women.
2. **We recommend** that Spain take further action as to ensure their full participation of persons with disabilities in the country's political and public life and their access to equal opportunities.

Thank you Mr President.