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Review of Belarus

Statement by Rwanda delegation

Thank you Mr President.

Rwanda warmly welcome the delegation of Belarus and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

Rwanda commends Belarus for the progress made to promote and protect human rights since its first review. We particularly commend Belarus for the adoption of numerous laws and regulations aimed at improving its legislation. In this regard, we appreciate especially the adoption in 2010 of the Law on the Legal Status of Foreign Nationals and Stateless, Education Code in 2011 as well as Presidential Decree on Improving the Judicial System by enhancing the independence of the judicial system.

We further commend Belarus' efforts to improve the Rights to the Highest Attainable Standard of Health. In this regard, we take positive note of significant reduction of infant mortality.

Rwanda would like to make the following recommendations:

- ***Intensify efforts to prevent and prosecute acts of domestic and sexual violence against women as recommended by CEDAW.***
- ***Consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;***
- ***Consider abolishing death penalty***

We wish Belarus every success in the implementation of the accepted recommendations of this UPR.

Thank you.