

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

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Mr. President,

The delegation of Uganda welcomes the participation of Libya and we also appreciate the delegation's effort to provide a verbal report. We, however, look forward to a comprehensive national report later.

Uganda welcomes the establishment, in 2013, of the National Council for Civil Liberties and Human Rights as a national institution for human rights coordination. This is a good step forward but its mandate and independence as a NHRI need to be enshrined in the Constitution.

We note that so far there is no clear immigration framework in place to ensure adequate human rights protections for the migrant populations residing or transiting through Libya. As a result, we are presently witnessing an increasing number of migrants taking advantage of this situation, with the help of human traffickers and smugglers, to travel to Europe by boats resulting into unprecedented loss of lives at sea. Uganda recommends that the government urgently provides for the necessary immigration and asylum legislations and system.

Lastly, we recommend Libya's accession to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD) and also to sign up to key instruments related to internally displaced persons, such as the African Union Kampala Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa.

I thank you.