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Review of Malawi

Statement by Armenia

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Malawi and thanks for the presentation of the national report. We appreciate the steps undertaken for the promotion of human rights in Malawi, particularly the Gender Equality Act of 2013, the Disability Act of 2012, National Work Plan on programmes for children with disabilities.

Armenia also notes the national policies for the protection of the rights of the child, particularly efforts in combating child labour, ending child marriage and awareness raising activities about the rights of the child in schools.

We welcome Malawi's cooperation with the United Nations and its bodies. Armenia notes with appreciation that Malawi is a party to numerous international human rights instruments. However, we are concerned that Malawi has not yet ratified the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, which we attach high importance to.

Therefore, Armenia recommends Malawi:

- 1) to accede to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide
- 2) to further increase efforts in the promotion and protection of the rights of the child.