

## 20th Session of the UPR Working Group

### Review of Panama

#### Statement by Rwanda delegation

Thank you Mr. President.

Rwanda warmly welcomes the delegation of Panama and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

Rwanda commends the progress Panama has registered in promoting and protecting human rights of its people since its first review cycle. We particularly note with appreciation the establishment by executive decree, a national standing commission to ensure compliance with and follow-up to the human rights obligations. Rwanda welcomes the adoption by Panama of the policy on equal opportunities for women.

We further commend Panama for the progress it has registered in reducing poverty, achieving the goal of having the proportion of the total population living on less than 1 dollar per day.

**Rwanda would like to make the following recommendations:**

- ***Intensify efforts in ensuring the realization of the human rights of Afro-descendant population.***
- ***Continue efforts to increase women's representation in decision-making position on equal footing with men.***

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