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**Statement by H. E. Mr. Rytis Paulauskas, Ambassador,**  
**Permanent Representative of Lithuania**  
**at the review of Rwanda**

Mr. President,

Lithuania welcomes the esteemed delegation of Rwanda. Lithuania expresses its disappointment that the National Report of Rwanda was not submitted (*in time*).

Lithuania commends the decision of the Government of Rwanda to issue a standing invitation to all Special Procedures.

Lithuania welcomes efforts of Rwanda to eliminate corruption, such as granting the Office of the Ombudsman the mandate to initiate prosecutions for corrupt practices. Lithuania recommends Rwanda to further eliminate corruption, to strengthen the independence of the justice system and to prevent political interference in prosecutions and trials.

Lithuania also recommends Rwanda:

- to ratify and fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;
- to continue making efforts in raising the quality of education and to ensure that secondary education is fully free and accessible to all children;
- to ensure that no person is detained in secret or in unofficial facilities and to close such facilities.

Thank you.