

Uganda's Statement on the Review of Rwanda

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Mr. President,

Uganda welcomes the delegation of Rwanda led by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General and its continued engagement with the UPR mechanisms.

We take note of the National Report and commend the government for the successful measures already taken to implement most of the recommendations that Rwanda accepted at the first cycle of the UPR.

We also note that in areas where long-term interventions are required, further efforts will be necessary to fully implement the recommendations. In this regard, we welcome the progress in the preparation of a National Action Plan on Human Rights as a basis for further action to address implementation gaps. This should include the following:

1. Putting in place mechanisms for support to victims of human trafficking.
2. Building institutional capacity for effectiveness in the prevention and response to gender based violence.
3. Providing clear definition of child labour and extending coverage of the Labour Code to include the informal sector where children are mostly employed.
4. Finally, Uganda commends the positive efforts being made to increase access to justice for all Rwandans including minority groups.

I thank you.