

**Statement of the Permanent Mission of Rwanda  
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Universal Periodic Review of Saint-Kitts and Nevis  
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Thank you Mr. President

- o Rwanda warmly welcomes the Delegation of Saint Kitts and Nevis and thanks them for the presentation of their National report which reflects the efforts and contributions from a wide section of government entities and civil society.
- o We commend the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis that even in a period of economic and financial slowdown the Government has remained steadfast in its commitment to the improvement of the quality of life of all citizens.
- o We note with appreciation that under the National Social Protection Strategy and Plan of Action, initiatives to alleviate poverty have been structured to ensure that public resources are directed to more efficiently and effectively incorporate the poor into the mainstream of economic development.

**Rwanda wishes to make the following recommendations:**

- **Consider ratifying the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, ICCPR and its 2<sup>nd</sup> Optional Protocol, and the Convention Against Torture and its Optional Protocol.**
- **Establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles**
- **Adopt a national gender policy and enhance the capacity for gender analysis within government ministries, departments and agencies that coordinate policy development**

In concluding Mr. President, We wish Saint Kitts and Nevis every success in this UPR.

Thank you