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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the distinguished delegation of Sao Tome and Principe to the 23rd Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks the delegation for the comprehensive presentation of its national report.

On the basis of the presentation made by Mr. Roberto Pedro Raposo, the Minister of Justice and Human Rights, it is clear that Sao Tome and Principe has made efforts towards the implementation of recommendations accepted during its first cycle review, notwithstanding all the challenges outlined. In order to give further impetus to this progress already register, South Africa would like to make the following recommendations, some of which have already been accepted during its first cycle review, that Sao Tome and Principe should:

- 1. Enact comprehensive legislation that fully guarantees the application of the principle of non-discrimination and to ensure the full enjoyment of all human rights by every member of society.**
- 2. Establishing a national human rights institution for the promotion and protection of human rights in accordance with the Paris Principles; and**
- 3. Ensure that all children are registered immediately after birth, and ensure that the national legislation regulating birth registration is in line with CRC.**

Finally, Mr. President, my delegation wishes Sao Tome and Principe success in their second review.

I thank you.