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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the distinguished delegation of Seychelles to the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks the delegation for the comprehensive presentation of its national report. South Africa commends the Government of Seychelles for its political will and efforts in promoting and protecting the human rights of the people of Seychelles. This includes adopting several legislative and institutional measures; the noticeable representation of women in decision making bodies; and rollout of an ambitious Housing Programme and Education Strategy.

In order to give further impetus to progress registered, South Africa would like to recommend that Seychelles should:

1. Strengthen efforts to protect the rights of Person with Disabilities, including through the provision of adequate infrastructure;

2. Ensure implementation of the country's National Drug Control Master Plan in order to address the high prevalence of drug consumption; and
3. Strengthen efforts aimed at improving its national response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic

Finally, Mr. President, my delegation wishes the delegation of Seychelles success in their second review.

I thank you.