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Mr. President,

Uganda welcomes Somalia's engagement in the 2nd cycle of the UPR and we commend the adoption of a National Action Plan on human rights as a proof of government commitment to the process.

We note progress being made in the implementation of the first cycle UPR recommendations including the ratification of relevant international conventions.

This is despite the formidable challenges of insecurity, poverty and resource constraints as well as lack of institutional capacity being faced by the government against a backdrop of a volatile post-conflict environment.

We recommend that the government fast-tracks the process to sign and ratify international treaties related to Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Convention Against Torture and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights among others.

While we urge the government to expedite the constitutional review process in order to strengthen institutions that play a key role in the protection and promotions of human rights in the country, we call upon the international community to support the efforts of the Government and the African Union in Somalia.

I thank you