

UPR of United Republic of Tanzania

Statement by the Republic of Poland

Mr. President,

The Polish delegation would like to thank the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania for the presentation of their national report. We acknowledge Tanzania's activities undertaken to comply with the recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the UPR.

Poland notes with appreciation the efforts of the government of Tanzania aimed at ensuring access to education for all children including children with disabilities, by *inter alia* the adoption of the *New Education and Training Policy in 2014* and an *Inclusive Education Strategy 2012-2017*.

Moreover, Poland welcomes the adoption of the *Law of the Child (Child Employment) Regulations GN 196 of 2012* that prohibits employment of a child under the age of fourteen years, as well as the implementation of the *National Action Plan for the Elimination of Child Labour (2009-2015)*.

At the same time, there is still room for further improvement in the above mentioned areas of human rights.

In this respect, Poland **recommends Tanzania to provide birth registration and issue birth certificates free of charge for all children under 5 years of age in order to reach universal coverage and increase public awareness of the importance of birth registration.**

Furthermore, Poland **recommends Tanzania to amend the Law of Marriage Act of 1971 and increase the minimum marital age for girls, as well as prevent child, early and forced marriage.**

Finally Poland **recommends that Tanzania ratifies the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and incorporates its provisions into domestic law.**

Thank you for your attention.