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**25th Session of the UPR working group**

**Recommendations by Finland to the United Republic of Tanzania**

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Mr. President,

Finland wishes to thank the United Republic of Tanzania for the national report and for its presentation today and the progress made since the last UPR review.

Finland wishes to make the following two recommendations:

1. **Finland recommends Tanzania to take steps to clarify land rights and the land use situation, taking in consideration all stakeholders that are affected by the decision-making related to land ownership and use.** In this respect, especially women and indigenous peoples face challenges.
2. **Finland recommends Tanzania to take appropriate measures to ensure that civil society, especially human rights defenders, may operate in a safe and enabling environment free from reprisals and to remove restrictions impeding their work, both in law and in practice, including by guaranteeing the rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly in accordance with international human rights standards.**

Finland commends Tanzania's commitment to curb corruption and to invest in education since the last review in 2011. We also note that while the number of women in the Parliament increased in the October 2015 elections the number of women in leadership positions in the ministries and at the local level remains low.

Thank you.