**Statement by Myanmar Delegation**

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**Mr. President,**

My delegation thanks the delegation of Morocco for its presentation of national report and its engagement with UPR mechanism.

We commend the government of Morocco for its achievements in advancing human rights in the country since the previous review in 2012, including its accession to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

We noted with satisfaction that a series of laws have been amended and adopted to protect violence against women as well as to improve the political participation of women. Nonetheless, we share the concerns expressed by the high number of cases on early marriages. While recognizing the cultural norms and traditions of the country, **we recommend that Morocco takes appropriate measures, taking into consideration of its international obligations, to prevent marriage of minors.**

In conclusion, we wish Morocco a successful UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President.