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**UPR of the Colombia**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Tuesday, 7 November, 14:30-18:00*

*Mr. President,*

Poland thanks Colombia for presentation of its national report. We acknowledge activities undertaken by the government of Colombia in order to implement recommendations accepted during the previous cycle of UPR.

Poland would like to recommend Colombia to:

1. continue its efforts to prevent violence by non-State armed groups and criminal organizations;
2. redouble its efforts to eliminate structural violations of the rights of persons with disabilities, especially in terms of access to primary and secondary education and access to the labour market;
3. strengthen efforts to prevent the recruitment of children by non-State armed groups and criminal organisation.

We appreciate that Colombia has developed e-government tools, open data systems and platforms that simplify procedures, improve interoperability and foster good governance. We hope that Colombia will uphold its commitment in this area to effectively ensure transparency in public procurement.

Poland also welcomes that Colombia have adopted some legislative measures in the area of criminal policy and security in order to overcome the problems affecting prisons. We encourage the authorities of Colombia to further implement human rights policies effectively preventing acts of torture and cruel, and degrading treatment in prisons and detention centres.

*Thank you.*