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Mr. President,

South Africa welcomes the distinguished delegation of Chad to this UPR Session.

My delegation commends the strides made by Chad since its last review, that include domesticating international human rights instruments it has ratified, such as the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child:

In order to ensure progress in promoting and protecting human rights, South Africa wishes to respectfully recommend that Chad:

1. Finalise the process to ensure the full independence of the National Human Rights Commission, in line with the Paris Principles;
2. Strengthen efforts to ensure access to justice for all, without discrimination; and
3. Continue efforts to eliminate the recruitment of children into armed groups and to reintegrate them into society.

South Africa wishes Chad a successful review.

I thank you.