Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

UPR45 –Congo

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Lithuania welcomes the delegation of Congo and thanks for its National Report.

We welcome the positive developments in Congo, including the adoption of a law to combat violence against women. However, the human rights and security situation in the country remains concerning, among others, due to intimidation and violence faced by human rights defenders, journalists and other media workers.

Lithuania would like to make the following recommendations:

- One, take efforts to improve learning conditions and expand educational opportunities for all children and young people in all areas of the country.

- Two, consider implementing concrete measures to combat all forms of violence against women and girls, including domestic violence, provide victims-oriented support mechanisms and ensure accountability of perpetrators.

- Three, consider establishing a child protection coordination framework with the participation of civil society.

- Four, take measures to objectively and thoroughly investigate all allegations of human rights violations committed by law enforcement officials.

- Five, develop measures to ensure the safety of journalists and media workers and accountability for crimes against them.

We wish Congo all success in the current UPR.

I thank you.