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Thank you, Vice President,

We warmly welcome the high powered delegation of Congo on the presentation of her comprehensive report and we specifically commend the government of Congo for the positive milestones they continue to put in place to ensure protection and promotion of human rights for her people.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, Uganda would like to make 3 recommendations.

1. Continue the legal and policy fight against human trafficking to adequately address cases of trafficking and forced child labour.
2. Strengthen the law enforcement institutions to protect girl children from early marriages, through detailed investigation to prosecute all the perpetrators engaged in child abuse.
3. Continue to strengthen the national policies to ensure effective representation of women in political space and respective decision making.

We wish our brothers and sisters of Congo a very successful reviews.

Merci Beacuop!