Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

UPR45 – Senegal

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Thank you, Mr. President.

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

We note the positive changes in Senegal, including the creation of mechanisms dedicated to children protection, increased women's participation in legislative bodies, reforms made towards empowering youth, women and girls, as well as other progress made since the last UPR cycle. However, we remain concerned regarding the restrictions on freedom of assembly, expression and opinion.

Lithuania would like to make the following recommendations:

- One, consider the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR aiming to abolish the death penalty.

- Two, take further measures to eradicate discrimination against persons with disabilities.

- Three, further strengthen child protection mechanisms.

- Four, conduct an objective investigation into all allegations of the possible excessive use of force in the context of social protests, political gatherings and demonstrations.

We wish Senegal all success in the current UPR.

I thank you.