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Mr. President,

South Africa welcomes the Hon. Mr. Paul Goldsmith, Minister of Justice and the distinguished delegation of New Zealand to this UPR Session.

My delegation commends the strides made by New Zealand since its last UPR review such as the development of seven (7) Employment Strategies, among which include the *2020 Working Matters – Disability Employment Action Plan,* that seek to improve the situation and outcomes of groups who are traditionally disadvantaged in the labour market.

South Africa wishes to respectfully recommend that New Zealand:

1. Develop an inclusive education strategy to address challenges faced by children and students with disabilities.
2. Enhance measures to combat racism and racial discrimination including efforts to finalise the *National Action Plan Against Racism.*
3. Redouble efforts to combat all forms of violence against women, including gender-based violence.

South Africa wished New Zealand a successful review.

I thank you.