**National Statement by Mr. Afaq Ahmad, Counsellor, during the 3rd UPR Review of Togo**

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**Mr. President,**

We welcome the delegation of Togo and thank them for presentation of its 3rd UPR report.

We commend Togo’s continued engagement with the Treaty Bodies and UPR mechanism.

Despite socio-economic challenges, Togo has taken a number of legislative and administrative measures to improve the human rights situation. It includes harmonization of national legislations with international obligations, strengthening of independence of National Human Rights Commission, judicial reforms as well as integrating human rights education and training into primary, secondary and vocational education.

We appreciate steps aimed at improving access to livelihoods, health and education. The implementation of National Development, Health and COVID-19 Response Plans are noteworthy initiatives. We encourage Togo to continue its efforts especially to improve socio-economic indicators and promote people’s wellbeing.

We recommend Togo to:

1. Take steps to integrate human rights education in the training modules of law enforcement officials.
2. Continue to take steps aimed at promoting social inclusion and social safety especially for most marginalized segments of society.

I thank you.