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Togo

Statement by the Republic of Poland

*Geneva, 24 January 2022*

*Mr/Ms President,*

Poland would like to thank the Togolese Republic for its participation in the UPR process. We recommend to Togo to:

* **Extend a standing invitation to the UN Special Procedures and accept their visits such as those from the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, the Special Rapporteur on the right to peaceful assembly and freedom of association and the Special Rapporteur on the rights to water and sanitation;**
* **Further intensify efforts to eradicate child labour, including in the domestic work sector;**
* **Investigate cases of arbitrary detentions and ill-treatment against persons exercising their civil and political rights during demonstrations.**

Poland appreciates steps undertaken so far by Togo to fight corruption and encourages efforts to develop a national strategy for preventing and combating corruption and related offences and looks forward to swift adoption of such a document.

While commending Togo for efforts to improve childrens’ access to education, by inter alia increasing enrollment rates, especially for girls in primary education, we expresses concerns about remaining low rate of birth registration.

We encourage the Government of Togo to continue raising social awareness about the importance of birth registration.

*I thank you.*