**Universal Periodic Review – 40th session**

**Uganda**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Geneva, 27 January 2022*

*Mr/Ms President,*

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Uganda for its participation in the UPR process and recommends to Uganda :

* **to make primary education compulsory and consider extending the duration of compulsory education to nine years. Improvement of the quality of education will result in reducing dropout rates and ensure that more girls attend school;**
* **to implement the law that prohibits female genital mutilation and increases financing programmes against gender-based violence and domestic violence;**

At the same time we express our concern about the lack of the oversight mechanisms that will enhance accountability of security forces and will allow fighting with enforced disappearance and torture.

To conclude, Poland encourages Uganda to multiply its efforts to strengthen the rule of law and access to justice, including provisions removing the mandatory death penalty in specific legislation. We also congratulate Uganda on its development of the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights, adopted in August last year, and we recommend its prompt implementation.

*Thank you.*