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**REVIEW OF BENIN**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Brunei Darussalam thanks Benin for the presentation of their National Report.

We note the challenges faced by Benin, but welcome the significant steps that have been taken in implementing recommendations from its previous UPR cycle.

In particular, we welcome progress made to promote access to housing and are pleased to note that citizens are able to obtain housing without paying a deposit. Access to this basic infrastructure has improved, leading to a decline in non-income poverty in recent years.

In moving forward, we propose two recommendations:

1. Continue implementing various schemes and measures to ensure inclusive access to adequate housing and basic amenities; and
2. Intensify efforts in the harmonisation of national law with relevant international instruments.

Mr. President,

Brunei Darussalam wishes Benin a successful review.

Thank you.

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