**National Statement, delivered by Deputy Permanent Representative, Amb. Zaman Mehdi, during the 4th UPR Review of Benin**

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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the delegation of Benin and thank it for presentation of its 4th UPR report.

We welcome the continued cooperation of Benin with UN human rights mechanisms and ratification of several international instruments and appreciate the measures taken by Benin to further human rights such as the National Employment Policy (2020–2025), the Holistic Social Protection Policy (2019–2025) and the National Action Plan for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour.

We have the following recommendations:

* Further reinforce measures for enhancement of people’s right to work and to just and favourable conditions of work, especially for the most vulnerable groups;
* Continue to reinforce mechanisms to safeguard women and children’s rights; and
* Take further steps for protecting the rights of disabled persons.

We wish Benin a successful UPR.

I thank you!