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**UPR of France**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Geneva, 1 May 2023*

Mr. President,

Poland acknowledges efforts taken by France to implement recommendations of the third UPR cycle .

#### Poland recommends France to:

1. withdraw states of emergency in order to restore all fundamental rights and freedoms to the country’s citizens and modify laws that legitimized the transfer to the executive of a number of prerogatives normally reserved for the judiciary;
2. ensure that children were separated from their family only if it was necessary for their best interests and subject to judicial review, and that poverty and disability were never the only justification for removing a child from parental care;
3. review its legislation to ensure effective protection of children from situations where abuse is made of a recognized position of influence; carry out awareness raising activities; provide specific training to professionals working within the police;
4. develop public policy - with sufficient funding and human resources - to effectively combat all forms of trafficking and contemporary exploitation, including effective protection for unaccompanied minors.

I thank you.