**Statement by Myanmar Delegation**

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Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Burundi led by -------------------------------- to this UPR session and thanks for its national report as well as the comprehensive presentation today. We note with satisfaction the broad and inclusive consultation taken by Burundi thoughout the preparation process of its national report.

[We acknowledge the fact that since its last review, Burundi has implemented several progressive steps for the promotion and protection of its human rights in many areas including in the area of education and health.]

We welcome the measures carried out by the Government of Burundi to promote education for girls through the United Nations Girls’ Education Initiative (UNGEI) and adoption of the gender equity in education strategy of 2012 and the related action plan 2012-2020. It is encouraging to see that gross enrolment ratio was rose to 133.4 per cent for girls and 135.4 per cent for boys in the school year 2014-15. **We recommend that Burundi continue to implement its education policy of universal access to basic schooling, particularly access of girls to education.**

With regard to right to health, we commend Burundi’s efforts in improving health care services through the national health policy 2016-2025. This reflects the Government’s firm commitment in advancing well-being of its people, despite challenges remain. **Therefore, we recommend that Burundi further strengthen its efforts to imporve the state of health of its population through a better health system.**

Finally, we wish Burundi a great success in the current review.

I thank you, Mr. President.