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Mr. President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Chad.

We praise Chad for its efforts to provide stability and security in its region of Central and West Africa, where instability and terrorism is rampant. Chad also guests  more than 450.000 refugees and 160.000 displaced persons, which deserves credit given Chad has been in an economic crisis following the fall of oil prices in 2014.

We are pleased to note that Chad put in place all necessary measures to end and prevent the recruitment of children in its armed forces. We welcome that Chad is no longer listed with the campaign "Children, Not Soldiers".

Following the promises made by the President upon his election in 2016, this year (2018) has seen an intense dialogue process where a new Constitution was put together on the basis of the recommendations of the Inclusive Forum on Constitutional Reform in March 2018. Many calls were made by the President to all the actors to be part of the Inclusive Forum process. **We recommend** the Government of Chad to continue its efforts to set up dialogue processes with different group of political and social actors.

We have noticed with pleasure the high importance the Government of Chad attaches to the inclusion of women and socially vulnerable groups in the development of the country. This debate was revived during the consultations on the new Constitution by the President himself, in terms of including a quota for administration posts. **We recommend** Chad to find appropriate and pragmatic solutions to achieve this goal.

**We also recommend** Chad to accelerate its efforts to find appropriate solutions to overcome the violence against women, early (child) marriages and female genital mutilation.

Thank you.