**Statement of the Republic of Uganda on the UPR of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Geneva, 7 May 2019.**

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Thank You, Mr President,

Uganda warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo to its third UPR process. We thank them for the comprehensive presentation of their National Report and welcome the progress made since the last review.

We commend the government for the efforts made to improve the human rights situation in the country. In particular, we welcome the operationalisation of the National Human Rights Commission and introduction of a minimum wage, and we encourage the government to take measures to ensure its implementation.

While wishing the delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo success in this UPR, we make the following recommendations:

1. Enhance efforts to increase women participation in in public life and address sexual and gender-based violence.
2. Ratify and domesticate the African Union Convention for the protection and assistance of internally displaced persons (Kampala Convention).

**THANK YOU.**