**STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW SESSION OF THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY, GENEVA,6 MAY 2019**

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**Thank you, Mr. President,**

Uganda welcomes the delegation of Norway to this review process and thanks them for the comprehensive presentation of their national report. We commend Norway’s development policy and the efforts made to support implementation of national human rights policies in accordance with national priorities. We welcome the Action Plan for Women’s Rights and Gender Equality in Foreign and Development Policy (2016-2020) and look forward to its implementation.

We welcome the progress made in the enhancement of the protection of the rights of asylum seekers since the last review and in particular the increasing the number of professional workers to ensure adequate care of un accompanied minors in reception centres.

We recommend that Norway:

1. Strengthens measures to ensure the protection of unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors from human trafficking and other forms of exploitation.
2. Ratifies the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

**I thank you Mr. President.**