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REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES

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Thank you, Madam President.

Seychelles welcomes the high-level delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho and thanks them for their informative national report and interventions today.

Seychelles positively notes the strides that Lesotho has taken in promoting and protecting fundamental rights, including the development of the Gender and Development Policy (2018-28); drafting of the ‘Older Persons Protection Bill (2019)’; the adoption of a National Action Plan on Trafficking in persons; and the adoption of the National Climate Change Policy (2017), which recognizes the need for effective climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies in addressing issues of food security and malnutrition.

Seychelles offers the following two recommendations:

* First, to enact legislation on access to information; and
* Second, to become a party to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure,

We thank Lesotho for their continued cooperation with the UPR mechanism and wish them a fruitful review.

Thank you, Madam President.