**UPR of the Republic of Kenya**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

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*Mr. President,*

Poland would like to thank the delegation of the Republic of Kenya for its national report and for its constructive participation in the third cycle of the UPR process.

Poland notes systemic approach of Kenya in addressing in key areas identified at the second reporting cycle in 2015.

Poland welcomes a *de facto* moratorium on capital punishment introduced by Kenya and changes to the Penal Code which relate to death sentencing. We encourage Kenyan authorities to undertake steps leading to formal abolishment of the capital punishment.

Efforts of Kenya aimed at improving access to health, education and fresh water and sanitation, as well as in combatting FGM deserve appreciation and further support from the international community. We also commend efforts in fighting corruption and encourage further, ambitious steps in this regard.

Poland would like to present the following recommendations:

* **Ensure unimpeded functioning of democratic processes in the country, including transparent regulations on exercising the right of assembly and using force by police only as a mean of last resort and solely in fully justified situations.**
* **Continue fight against discrimination and violence against women and children, including trafficking, forced labour and domestic abuse as well as improve reporting and bringing to justice perpetrators of such acts.**
* **Guarantee women access to land by *inter alia* ensuring the full implementation of the constitutional provisions giving women equal rights to land ownership as men as well as the execution of the Marital Property Act and other women’s land rights.**

*I thank you.*