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**Review of Kenya**

**Intervention of Cabo Verde**

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Thank You, Mme Vice-President

Cape Verde welcomes and thanks the Delegation of Kenya for submitting its national report to the third cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

We command the Government of Kenya for its strategies and policies on sustainable development, namelly, the so called the « Big 4 Agenda » aiming to accelerate the economic growth and to reduce poverty and inequality.

 We are concerned about the persistence of warmful practices against women and children, such as FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) and sexual violence, despite the existence of laws that punish them.

In the spirit of constructive dialog we recommend Kenya:

1. To Abolish death penalty
2. To enforce the prohibition of FGM and child rape – Beading
3. To Abolish Polygamy
4. To improve mechanisms for collection of desagregated data in order to facilitate an integrated assessment of advances in promotion and protection of human rights and in the implementation of the SDGs

We wish Kenya plenty success in this review and in the implementation of accepted recommendations.

Thank you Mme Vice-President