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Mr President,

The third UPR cycle started in 2017. It has now been one year since the adoption of the first reports of the UPR working group. *UPR Info* is encouraging States to report every year under item 6 on progress made in the implementation of recommendations and to share good practices with their peers.

Mr President,

UPR Info encourages States to involve all national stakeholders to support the implementation of recommendations. It is only by the active engagement, respect, promotion and enforcement of human rights by the government, judiciary, Parliament, law enforcement entities, and central and local authorities that UPR recommendations will translate into effective changes and the improvement of human rights for all. *UPR Info* is inviting States to establish national mechanisms for reporting and follow-up and comprehensive human rights action plans containing baseline and target indicators. Reporting at the end of the cycle on actions taken by the three national powers, the legislative, the executive and the judiciary, will demonstrate a comprehensive approach toward preventing and responding to human rights violations.

Mr. President,

Reflecting on the reform agenda of the Human Rights Council, *UPR Info* would like to note the importance of keeping the adoption of the outcome reports of the UPR working group during the Human Rights Council sessions in order for States to maintain their political engagement in the UPR process.

I thank you.