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Madame President,

The UPR is a powerful mechanism to prevent and respond to human rights violations. It offers peer guidance to assist States respecting, protecting, and fulfilling their human rights obligations toward their constituents.

The UPR recommendations as well as NMRIF provide a benchmark for Government actions to strengthen the legal and institutional framework and reduce discrimination and inequalities in law and practice.

The UPR recommendations can address root causes of human rights violations and mitigate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the most vulnerable.

UPR Info encourages States to formulate during the UPR Working Group recommendations to address pre-existing human rights challenges and to report on how they have been tackling human rights impacts of Covid-19.

By fostering participation and accountability, the UPR ensure that policies and decisions are based on rule of law and the needs of rights holders.

The UPR is an enabler to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and realise more just, equitable, inclusive, and sustainable societies.

UPR Info invites all UPR stakeholders to seize the opportunity of this world crisis to use the UPR to make transformative change and build back better.

I thank you