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Mr. President,

Where the first two cycles did not provide many examples to ensure the involvement of parliamentarians, *UPR Info* welcome a new positive trend in the third cycle.

Let's pursue these efforts by raising awareness amongst national stakeholders about Parliament's role in supporting the implementation of UPR recommendations.

Parliamentarians play a key role to ensure that the government respects its human rights obligations. By voting credits allocating sufficient funds they ensure that each government body has resources to put in place measures to realize human rights for all. By reviewing legislation in collaboration with the National Human Rights Institution in line with the Belgrade Principles, they will ensure that the country legislation has a rights-based approach.

Mr. President,

UPR Info encourages States to establish human rights committee within Parliaments and to involve them in the National Mechanism on Implementation Reporting Follow-Up.

We encourage parliamentarians in their debate to discuss the alignment of human rights and development to achieve the objectives and targets set in the 2030 Agenda putting at the center of their action people and planet by addressing discriminations and inequalities.

Mr. President,

Parliamentarians can voice the views and concerns of citizens, weave the social fabric and develop again the trust relationship between the government and the citizens.

In exercising its role without partisan consideration, Parliaments will lay the ground of an inclusive society based on rule of law.

I thank you