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Consideration of UPR reports**

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Mr. President,

Amnesty International welcomes the appearance of the delegation of the Central African Republic today for the adoption of its UPR and recognizes this sign of commitment to the international human rights system despite the ongoing crisis in the country.

Serious human rights violations, including war crimes and crimes against humanity, continue to take place in many parts of the Central African Republic despite the presence in the country of the African Union and French forces. Extra-judicial killings, torture, looting and other atrocities are committed on a daily basis. Ethnic cleansing of the Muslim population has also taken place forcing thousands of Muslims to flee to neighbouring countries. Meanwhile, thousands of people forced to flee the violence in the Central African Republic are now facing another humanitarian crisis in neighbouring Chad. The rainy season is due to start shortly and unless shelter, food and medical facilities are urgently provided their already desperate situation will quickly further deteriorate.

Despite a new government in place, a greater humanitarian and civilian protection crisis still looms if nothing is done to tackle the ongoing serious human rights abuses committed by all sides. We are encouraged by the acceptance of recommendations aimed at restoring peace and stability in Central African Republic¹ and welcome the commitment to facilitate and provide humanitarian assistance to all those in need, in particular refugees and internally displaced persons.²

¹ A/HRC/25/11, Recommendations 104.68 (Sierra Leone), 104.69 (Austria), 105.47 (Morocco)

² A/HRC/25/11, Recommendations 104.77 (Republic of Moldova), 104.93 (Ecuador), 105.59 (United States of America), 105.60 (Australia), 105.61 (Comoros), 105.62 (Rwanda)

Furthermore, Amnesty International welcomes Central African Republic's acceptance of recommendations to strengthen the rule of law and build capacity of the police and security forces.³

Mr. President,

Amnesty International welcomes the commitment by the Central African Republic to cooperate and work actively within the international community to end this humanitarian and human rights crisis.⁴

Finally, Amnesty International believes that bringing peace to the Central African Republic will involve ensuring the current peacekeeping forces present in the Central African Republic have strong human rights mandates, are fully resourced and utilised in the most effective and robust manner, in particular, that they are positioned in areas where civilians are most in need of protection.

Thank you, Mr. President.

³ A/HRC/25/11, Recommendations 104.31 (Austria), 104.59 (Djibouti), 104.60 (Germany), 104.43 (Belgium), 104.44 (Czech Republic), 104.45 (Romania), 104.46 (Sudan), 104.47 (Republic of Korea), 104.48 (Netherlands), 104.72 (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), 105.18 (South Sudan), 105.48 (Angola)

⁴ A/HRC/25/11, Recommendations 105.69 (Japan), 105.70 (Sudan), 105.78 (Singapore)