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Item 6-Adoption of the report on UPR of Kenya

Oral Statement by the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights

Mr. President,

It is a privilege and honor for me to make these remarks on behalf of the Kenyan NHRI, the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR). The Commission welcomes the Kenyan delegation's commitment to enhancing the promotion, protection and fulfillment of human rights in Kenya. This commitment has been ably demonstrated through the acceptance of a majority of the recommendations made to Kenya.

Let me at the very onset laud the success of the UPR mechanism an effective way of promoting collegial human rights dialogue between States. Our Commission can attest to the benefits that the process has achieved in Kenya, and indeed across the world, in reaffirming the State's role and obligation in respect to upholding human rights for all.

The Commission calls on the State to put in place measures to ensure the implementation of the accepted recommendations and work towards implementing the noted recommendations.

The Commission assures the State of its commitment to fulfilling its mandate through continued collaboration so as to ensure that the human rights agenda is implemented in line with the



Constitution of Kenya 2010. For instance, we will continue working with the State on the question and debate of the abolition of the death penalty in Kenya.

Civil Society Organizations have played a key role in the journey that culminated in the acceptance and adoption of this report. We call upon the State to intensify its collaboration with CSOs and other actors to ensure that the recommendations are implemented so that the Kenyan dream of a human rights state is steadily and progressively realized. The State must ensure that the space for CSOs remains open.

Lastly, we acknowledge that the State cannot, on its own, implement all the accepted recommendations due to, among other factors, budgetary constraints. We therefore call upon development partners to offer technical and financial support to Kenya, as well as other key actors in the Kenyan Civil Society, so as to enable the State meet its obligations within the 4 year implementation cycle.

I thank you Mr. President.

George Morara,

**Commissioner and Vice-Chairperson,
Kenya National Commission on Human Rights**