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Mister President,

We are at a crossroad between the third and fourth UPR cycle.

UPR Info encourages all UPR stakeholders, Governments, the Judiciary, Parliamentarians, NHRIs and CSOs to seize the opportunity of this new phase to accelerate the implementation of the UPR recommendations to advance the realisation of human rights for all.

The UPR, thanks to its participatory approach can support implementing the UN Secretary-General report “Our common agenda” and renew the social contract between Governments and their citizens to build inclusive societies embracing human rights.

Acting on the UPR recommendations will address economic, social, and cultural, civil and political rights exacerbated during the pandemic. It will also strengthen democratic institutions necessary to have a system of check and balance to respond to potential autocratic drifts. The implementation of States human rights obligations will prevent human rights violations by addressing root causes of conflicts.

The third cycle taught us that political will, a collaborative approach, capacitated actors, and coordination between them yield change. Building on these lessons, let us move forward by further supporting women, youth, local actors, and law enforcement officials’ engagement and by promoting accountability and transparency.

Let us use make the fourth cycle of the UPR the one that will foster development, peace, security, and human rights and deliver tangible results for the people and the planet.

I thank you.