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Mr President,

Having reached the mid-term of the second UPR cycle, and with eyes now turning towards the third cycle, it is time to answer the only important question concerning the UPR: Is this new UN mechanism delivering results on the ground?

Since its inception, *UPR Info* has been striving to answer that question and, today, we are happy to answer: YES.

Yes, the UPR is working because according to our data, three years after a State's review, approximately 48% of the recommendations have triggered action by the Government. In other words, by extrapolating this data, almost 1 recommendation out of 2 has produced results at mid-term. Many challenges remain at the UPR and the picture is not all bright; most importantly, national NGOs need more support to engage with the UPR. Nevertheless, for the youngest child in the family of the Human Rights mechanism, its development is very promising.

This figure of 48% comes from the assessment of more than 11'000 recommendations based on information received from States, NHRIs, NGOs and UN agencies. It is the conclusion of a three-year programme run by *UPR Info*, which will be summarised into a new study to be published at the end of October.

The study will present UPR Info's Follow-up Programme's quantitative and qualitative outcomes, and will share examples of best practices from the States, NHRIs, NGOs and the Recommending States' perspective. It is a follow-up to our previous publication called "On the road to implementation".

We will, in this regard, organise a side event at the UPR 20<sup>th</sup> Working Group session to share this new study and its findings.

Mr President,

Implementation is key to the success of the UPR and lack of implementation by States should be tackled by the Human Rights Council. We welcome the statement made earlier by the Permanent Mission of Macedonia on behalf of a group of States and we look forward to engaging the discussion.

I thank you.