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Mr President,

The success of the Universal Periodic Review will be gauged by results it will achieve in terms of improving human rights for all segments of society. This success requires: participation, inclusiveness and accountability.

***Participation***

The UPR implies the participation and collaboration of all national stakeholders during all phases of the UPR process, from the submission of reports to the implementation phase. In this regard, it is important that the voice of youth, who represent the majority of the population in many countries, can be heard as they will be the one building a society based on rule of law.

***Inclusiveness***

The UPR process must be inclusive. No one should be left behind. To succeed, UPR recommendations must be context specific and ensure that civil and political rights, as well as economic social and cultural rights, are addressed. The non-fulfilment of basic rights such as access to quality education, health and housing constitute the breeding ground for social division, conflicts and extremism.

The UPR must be gender-inclusive. Human rights issues raised must take into account how women and girls are differently affected. Furthermore, it must take into consideration the concerns of the whole society, marginalised and vulnerable groups, indigenous people, and persons with disability.

***Accountability***

Adoption of plan of actions and legislative reforms must be accompanied by concrete measures that ensure the respect and protection of rights. Capacity of independent oversight mechanisms, such as parliament, must be supported so that they can monitor public policies.



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Mr. President,

Bringing change and improving people's rights is the aim of the Universal Periodic Review. Consultation and collaboration with all national actors will allow an effective follow-up and implementation of UPR recommendations.

I thank you.