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Mr. President,

Africa Culture International Human Rights gives a warm welcome to the Rwandan delegation, and would love to commend Rwanda for the substantial advancement in transformation of the country, and developing the country's infrastructure and economy since the hazardous 1994 genocide.

ACI thanks Rwanda for a number of positive reforms in various sectors especially the justice sector after the previous review where the government has remodeled the infrastructure of the judicial system, mainly devastated by the genocide, and has enacted legal reforms aimed at promoting free trial through, improving the qualifications of lawyers and judges, and affording due process to accused persons, and we would love to also commend it for its traditional hospitality to asylum seekers and refugees from countries like Burundi and DRC Congo.

However, with keen interest in Protection of Human rights for women, children and every person, ACI Human Rights has noticed the continuous existence of breaches in Rwanda's international human rights obligations and commitments, particularly with regard to freedom of expression, freedom of association, and freedom of assembly.

Africa Culture International Human Rights sends a great tribute to the victims of the massacre and congratulates the government for its enormous courage but would love to encourage Rwanda to prioritize the development and promotion of Human rights, Women and Child protection in the country.

Thank you Mr. President.

Presented by Mbabazi Ruth