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UPR of MEXICO - INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE

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Mr Chairman,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Mexico led by _____ and thanks it for a detailed National Report and the candid acknowledgement of persisting institutional weaknesses in dealing with the challenges posed to its society while undergoing major socio-political changes in the last few years. We commend Mexico for having ratified virtually all major international human rights instruments and its wide-ranging efforts to effect them through changes in its public policy and domestic legislations. In this regard, we note with appreciation the full incorporation of the rights enumerated in its Constitution into those of its 32 federal entities, the adoption of a National Human Rights Programme for the period 2008-2012, as also the stated high level of compliance by the Federal Government of the recommendations made by the National Human Rights Commission.

Mr Chairman,

We welcome Mexico's efforts to reduce poverty and its high levels of achievement of various Millennium Development Goals that has earned it a special recognition from the UN Secretary-General. We also take positive note of the country's specific slum upgradation and prevention policies, its acknowledgement of the socio-economic deficit that exists among its indigenous peoples and its high allocation of resources for various measures to remedy this situation.

Mr Chairman,

Some concern has been expressed at the practice in which women are sometimes required to present non-pregnancy certificates in order to be hired or to prevent themselves from being fired. Concern has also been raised about the general public perception of a high level of impunity for nearly all types of crimes committed in the country. We would request the Mexican delegation to share more information on these two issues. Lastly, my delegation would request the Mexican delegation to provide more information about the details of the local repatriation arrangements for migrants from its neighbouring countries.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.
