

**UPR WORKING GROUP - THIRTEENTH SESSION
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UPR OF ALGERIA - INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE

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INTERVENTION BY INDIA

Madam President,

India extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Algeria and thanks them for the presentation of their National Report which includes the action taken by the country on the recommendations it accepted during its first UPR. We take positive note of Algeria's accession to almost all major human rights instruments which bears testimony to its commitment to promote and protect human rights.

2. We welcome the efforts made by Algeria in the promotion of women's right, particularly, the introduction of reservation for women in the Parliament and Local Assemblies. We would encourage Algeria to continue in its path of reform for deepening its democratic institutions and strengthening its human rights infrastructure.

3. We welcome Algeria's decision to enact the Asylum law and encourage it to do so keeping in mind international standards. We commend Algeria for the adoption of new provisions criminalising all forms of human trafficking. We recommend that Algeria strengthens its efforts in combating human trafficking and consider the provision of shelters for such victims.

4. We appreciate the candid acknowledgement in the National Report of the remaining challenges that Algeria faces in the promotion and protection of human rights particularly that of the persistence of the discriminatory practices against women, access to education and sanitation to remote areas, violence against children in schools and challenges in the health sector.

5. We wish Algeria well in its endeavour to meet these challenges for the benefit of its people while consciously applying a human rights-based approach.

Thank you, Madam President.