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UPR of MOROCCO - INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE

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Mr. President,

India warmly welcomes the delegation of Morocco to their second Universal Periodic Review and thanks them for their informative presentation. We appreciate the candid and frank approach that Morocco has taken in its National report by identifying the challenges and obstacles as well as spelling out its expectations in terms of capacity building and technical assistance.

2. Morocco is a party to most of the core international human rights instruments and has taken recent initiatives to strengthen the normative and institutional framework for the protection and promotion of human rights. In this regard, we appreciate the efforts to modernize the criminal justice system, the introduction of strategic planning in the field of Human Rights leading to adoption of the National Action plan for Democracy and Human Rights. We would be interested in hearing more about the elements of the National Action plan.

3. We commend Morocco's initiatives and measures to promote and protect the rights of migrant workers and the importance it attaches to the issue as a country of origin, transit and destination. We also take positive note of Morocco's commitment to develop new legislation and institutional framework in line with the 1951 Geneva Convention with regard to Refugees.

4. We wish Morocco great success in its future endeavour in the protection and promotion of Human Rights.

Thank you, Mr. President.