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Thank you Mister President,

CCIG, on behalf of a coalition of 17 NGOs, welcomes the commitment of States to the UPR process in compliance with relevant core documents of GA resolution 60/251 (2006) and HRC resolution 5/1 (2007).

The 3rd UPR cycle recently started offers a new window of opportunity to strengthen the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). While we recognize the progress made by States in ensuring the effective functioning of this mechanism, we express our concern with regard to the implementation of recommendations made in the framework of the UPR and we stress the need for a more systematic evaluation of the status of implementation of such recommendations by the States concerned.

We recognise the full implementation of UPR recommendations as a major challenge and the primary goal of the 3rd UPR cycle.

As HRC resolution 30/25 states, “the effectiveness of the universal periodic review, as a cooperative mechanism, depends on the progress achieved by the State concerned [...] in the implementation of accepted recommendations”¹.

Following the best practices demonstrated by many States, this NGO coalition calls upon Member States to ensure the effective implementation of UPR recommendations through the establishment by the time of the mid-term review of the current cycle, of a permanent governmental mechanism to liaise with relevant ministries and consult with Civil Society, NHRI’s and all relevant stakeholders.

Mr. President, this NGO coalition is convinced that the establishment of National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow Up (NMRF) of UPR recommendations would constitute a key step ahead in the implementation process and a major achievement for the 3rd UPR cycle.

Thank you, Mister President.

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