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#### **Cameroon**

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Speaker: Mr. Mewail Tesfamariam

Thank you Mr. President,

Mr. President, at the outset, allow me to welcome the delegation of Cameroon and commend the Republic of Cameroon for its participation in the UPR process. RADDHO also commends Cameroon for regularly submitting its reports to the treaty bodies, and it is our sincere hope that Cameroon will continue to constructively engage with all human rights mechanisms.

RADDHO would like to also commend the Cameroonian government for its positive contribution towards peace and stability in the region and we encourage Cameroon to continue its engagement in this path. RADDHO is also cognizant of the fact that Cameroon has been exerting its efforts in combating poverty and the achievement it has made so far.

We note and appreciate Cameroon's efforts in stepping up its fight against corruption and promoting transparency. We are particularly encouraged by the development of the National Strategy against corruption and the creation of the Special Criminal Court in this regard. It is our hope that the court will renew the necessary guarantees for persons charged with economic crimes in receiving a transparent and fair judgement in line with international norms.

Mr. President, we also urge Cameroon to create a special mechanism of rehabilitation, social and economic reintegration of women who are victims of the harmful tradition of FGM.

Moreover, we call on Cameroon to reinforce the capacity of the national commission on human rights to promote and elaborate human rights education in the whole country. In addition, we call on Cameroon to ameliorate the detention conditions in its incarceration system by increasing investments in this regard.

In conclusion, we would like call the attention of the government of Cameroon to take action in protecting the indigenous M'Bororos people who are victims of abuse by some religious leaders.

Finally Mr. President, RADDHO would like to express its best wishes to Cameroon in its endeavour to achieve economic development and prosperity for all its citizens.

I thank you Mr. President,