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Thank you, Mr. President,

IIMA welcomes the constructive engagement and participation of the Republic of Togo during the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review and the many efforts made by Togo to improve the protection of children's rights.

However, IIMA notes the persistence of very serious discrimination against vulnerable children, including children affected by HIV / AIDS, children with mental and physical disabilities and children in street situations. We therefore recommend that the Government of Togo eradicate all forms of discrimination against children by guaranteeing them equal opportunities in access to basic services. With regard to the right to education, IIMA recommends the Republic of Togo guarantee access to education for children with disabilities and ensure free and good quality education for all children, including those belonging to economically disadvantaged families.

In addition, in spite of article 18 of Act Number. 2009-010 of 11 June 2009, which provides for the compulsory nature of the declaration of birth, IIMA remains concerned by the situation concerning the registration of births. For this reason, we encourage the Government of Togo to carry out awareness-raising campaigns on the importance of free birth registration for all children, without any discrimination and in all regions of the country.

Thank you, Mr. President.