Joint Oral Statement

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Thank you, Mister President.

CCIG, on behalf of a coalition of 14 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).

While we recognize the progress States have made to ensure the effective functioning of the UPR, we stress the need for a more systematic evaluation of the implementation status of recommendations.

Based on its direct experience working with local human rights defenders in over one hundred countries, this NGO coalition is convinced that the establishment of National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow Up (NMRFs) would greatly advance not only the implementation of UPR recommendations, but also the work of other human rights bodies, such as the Special Procedures and Treaty bodies.

Therefore, we welcome the valuable contributions and inputs provided in the current panel discussion and we call upon all Member States to set up or strengthen national mechanisms for reporting and follow-up in order to enhance efforts of relevant ministries and consultation with Civil Society, leading to a more effective implementation of UPR recommendations and, ultimately, to better human rights protection worldwide.

Thank you, Mister President.