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Thank you, Mister President.

CCIG, on behalf of this NGO coalition, welcomes the very relevant theme of this panel discussion and the valuable contributions provided by speakers and other colleagues.

National structures, and in particular the **National Mechanisms for Implementation, Reporting and Follow Up (NMIRFs)** play a key role in ensuring protection of human rights, by contributing to the implementation of UPR and other human rights bodies' recommendations.

While we recognize the progress States have made so far, we stress the need for a more systematic evaluation of the implementation status of recommendations at the local level.

Therefore, **we call upon all Member States to set up or strengthen NMIRF and to develop a human rights monitoring plan in order to enhance the implementation of UPR recommendations and, ultimately, to better human rights for all worldwide.**

Accordingly, we highlight how the following minimum requirements should be guaranteed for these mechanisms to be truly effective:

1. **Strong governmental anchoring:** The mechanism should be linked to a high-level office with the authority to coordinate across sectors. It should include representatives from key ministries, local governments, parliament, and the judiciary;
2. **Permanent and resourced structure,** It should be a permanent body, built on existing structures, with dedicated staff and funding;
3. **Mandate to consult with Civil Society and NHRI,** as the main partners for the monitoring and implementation of UPR recommendations.
4. **Training for Government Officers at the Grassroots Level** to ensure better understanding on the importance to effectively implement UPR recommendations at the local level.

Thank you.