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ORAL STATEMENT  
Item 6:  
Consideration of UPR reports: Uganda

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Mr. President,

Amnesty International welcomes Uganda's engagement in the UPR process and its support for 139<sup>1</sup> out of 273 recommendations, including on implementing the national human rights action plan;<sup>2</sup> and advancing the right to health;<sup>3</sup> and the right to education for girls.<sup>4</sup>

The implementation of these recommendations is critical for improving the human rights situation in the country. We therefore urge the Ugandan authorities to take urgent and concrete steps to implement all supported recommendations.

Mr. President,

Regrettably, Uganda merely noted other important recommendations including those touching on the protection of LGBTI people and upholding their human rights without discrimination;<sup>5</sup> abolishing the death penalty;<sup>6</sup> carrying out prompt, impartial, thorough, and effective investigations into allegations of unlawful killings, excessive use of force, torture and other ill-treatment by the security forces;<sup>7</sup> and ending the intimidation and harassment of human rights defenders, civil society actors, bloggers and journalists.<sup>8</sup>

All of these issues are pressing human rights concerns raised by civil society and UN Member States during all three reviews. They require prompt attention to ensure all in Uganda are able to

<sup>1</sup> UN Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Uganda*, UN Doc A/HRC/50/11/ADD.1, Addendum 1, 21 April 2022

<sup>2</sup> UN Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Uganda*, UN Doc A/HRC/50/11, 4 April 2022, para. 125.52 (Niger).

<sup>3</sup> UN Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Uganda*, UN Doc A/HRC/50/11, 4 April 2022, paras. 125.169-171 (Norway, Qatar and Sri Lanka) 125.175 (Bangladesh).

<sup>4</sup> UN Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Uganda*, UN Doc A/HRC/50/11, 4 April 2022, paras. 125.190 (Egypt) and 125.217 (Cuba)

<sup>5</sup> UN Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Uganda*, UN Doc A/HRC/50/11, 4 April 2022, paras. 125.79 (Norway), 125.81 (Portugal) 125.83-89 (United States of America, Uruguay, Argentina, Australia, Luxemburg, Canada and Chile) .

<sup>6</sup> UN Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Uganda*, UN Doc A/HRC/50/11, 4 April 2022, paras. 125.22 (Armenia), 125.24 (Estonia) and 125.108 (France)

<sup>7</sup> UN Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Uganda*, UN Doc A/HRC/50/11, 4 April 2022, paras. 125.97 (Netherlands), 125.110 (France), 125.113-115 (Sierra Leone, Spain and Switzerland) and 125.122 (Sierra Leone).

<sup>8</sup> UN Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Uganda*, UN Doc A/HRC/50/11, 4 April 2022, paras. 125.130-145 (Spain, Australia, Canada, Canada, Estonia, Finland, France, Italy Netherlands, Switzerland, Luxemburg, Norway, Spain Republic of Korea, United States of America and Austria) and 125.147-152 (Uruguay, Belgium, Cote d'Ivoire, Estonia, Ireland and Bahamas)

enjoy the full spectrum of their human rights. We therefore urge Uganda to reconsider its position and implement these recommendations without delay.

Mr President,

Finally, we encourage Uganda to implement supported recommendations as soon as possible and urge the government to submit a mid-term report on progress towards implementation of supported recommendations and to use an Item 6 General Debate to bring this to the attention of UN Member States.

Thank you.