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**ORAL STATEMENT**  
**Item 6:**  
**Consideration of UPR reports: United Republic of Tanzania**

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Mr. President,

Amnesty International welcomes Tanzania's engagement with the UPR and its acceptance of 187 out of 252 recommendations.<sup>1</sup> However, serious human rights concerns remain.

Tanzanian authorities continue to weaponize the law to target the opposition and critical voices, using non bailable offence provisions under the Criminal Procedure Act to detain people for unreasonable periods of time as prosecution asks for more time "to complete investigations". In October 2020, Amnesty International documented how the state enacted and instrumentalized various laws to silence perceived critics, violating their rights to freedom of expression, association, and peaceful assembly, specifically in the context of the 2020 general elections. We regret that Tanzania only noted recommendations on addressing laws and administrative actions unreasonably restricting the right to freedom of expression, association, and peaceful assembly including those on non bailable offences targeting perceived critics.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> UN Human Rights Council, Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review: United Republic of Tanzania: Addendum, UN Doc. A/HRC/49/13/Add.1, 21 March 2022

<sup>2</sup> A/HRC/49/13 recommendations 147.76 (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), 147.77 (Germany), 147.78 (United States of America), 147.79 (Sweden), 147.80 (Australia), 147.81 (Canada), 147.82 (Slovenia), 147.83 (Austria); 147.84 (Brazil), 147.85 (Czechia) 147.86 (France), 147.87 (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), 147.88 (Germany), 147.89 (Ghana), 147.90 (Italy), 147.91 (United States of America), 147.92 (Latvia), 147.93 (Sweden), 147.94 (Switzerland), 147.95 (Timor-Leste), 147.96 (Belgium), 147.97 (France), 147.98 (Netherlands), 147.99 (Norway), 147.100 (Denmark), 147.101

Amnesty International welcomes Tanzania's acceptance of recommendations to implement reforms to strengthen the independence of the judiciary and access to justice.<sup>3</sup>

We also welcome the recent lifting of the ban on four newspapers that had been barred from publishing since 2016 and 2017 and the recent pledge made by President Samia Suluhu Hassan while meeting opposition leader, Freeman Mbowe, to join hands to "build the nation, through trust and mutual respect built on the foundations of justice".

Mr. President,

Amnesty International regrets that Tanzania merely noted all recommendations relating to ratifying the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Optional Protocol thereto and urges Tanzania to reverse its position.<sup>4</sup>

We call on the state to ensure accountability for election-related human rights violations and guarantee post-election human rights reforms to reverse the government's increasing repression and crackdown on the civic space.

Finally, we urge Tanzania 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.

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(Finland), 147.102 (Ireland), 147.103 (Montenegro), 147.104 (Spain) and 147.105 (Republic of Korea).

<sup>3</sup> Human Rights Council, Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (A/HRC/49/13), recommendations 145.47 (Norway), 145.48 (Russian Federation), 145.49 (Sri Lanka); 145.50 (Egypt); 145.51 (Latvia).

<sup>4</sup> A/HRC/49/13 recommendations 147.5 (Chile), 147.5 (Argentina), 147.7 (Democratic Republic of the Congo) 147.8 (France), 147.9 (Mongolia), 147.11 (Angola), 147.12 (Argentina), 147.13 (Armenia), 147.14 (Austria), 147.15 (Bahamas), 147.16 (Côte d'Ivoire), 147.17 (Czechia), 147.18, (Democratic Republic of the Congo), 147.19 (Denmark), 147.20 (Indonesia), 147.21 (Iraq), 147.22 (Malawi), 147.23 (Mali), 147.24 (Mauritius), 147.25 (Mongolia), 147.26 (Morocco), 147.27 (Namibia), 147.28 (Republic of Korea), 147.29 (Rwanda), 147.30 (Sierra Leone), 147.31 (Switzerland), and 147.32 (Zambia).