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Speaker: Mewail Tesfamariam

Thank you Madame President,

RADDHO would like to congratulate Algeria for the lifting of the state of emergency and welcomes the progress the Algerian government made in strengthening its democratic institutions. RADDHO also commends Algeria for observing the moratorium on the death penalty and reforming its Criminal Code and the criminalizing of torture and all forms of trafficking in persons. In addition, we welcome Algeria's continued cooperation with Special Procedures and mechanisms. As it happened, yesterday the High Commissioner for Human Rights just concluded her visit to Algeria and we hope this will contribute in a positive manner to Algeria's future commitment in upholding its human rights obligations.

Madame President, our organization however would like to urge the Algerian government to further strengthen its laws by promoting, protecting and respecting its policies of freedom of expression, association, assembly and the freedom of religion and belief, in line with its international human rights obligations. RADDHO would also like to call on Algeria to ratify the international human rights instruments to which it is not yet a party, particularly those relating to migrant workers. We also call on Algeria to ratify the International Convention on the protection of all persons from enforced disappearances. In addition, we encourage the Algerian government to continue to address and uphold women's rights so that women can have a full participation in the economic, social, political and cultural domains of their country, and to also implement a vigorous strategy for the promotion and protection of human rights of all Algerians. Moreover, we call on the Algerian government to implement policies of equal distribution of its wealth from its natural resources, in doing so, alleviating the high youth unemployment and to contribute towards combating poverty, particularly in the rural and urban areas of the country.

Finally Madame President, we look forward to Algeria's continued and unreserved cooperation with human rights mechanisms and uphold its commitment in honoring all the recommendations it accepted in the hopes of a more constructive engagement with concerned bodies.

Thank you Madame President