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Nord-Sud XXI Oral Statement on the Item 6
(the UPR of Venezuela)

Nord-Sud XXI would like to use this opportunity to comment on the UPR report of Venezuela.

Nord-Sud XXI attaches special importance to Venezuela's exemplary record with respect to poverty reduction, the country's progress towards achieving respect for the rights to health and education, and the protection of the human rights of indigenous peoples. The achievements in relation to these human rights that are essential elements of social justice are good practices that we hope will be of assistance to other countries.

Nord-Sud XXI also takes this opportunity to note Venezuela's strong support for the right to development. This is a right that is at the center of improving the human condition. By committing itself to the achievement of the right to development Venezuela has agreed to achieve the human rights of its people in a manner that acknowledges its indivisible, interdependent and interrelated nature.

Similarly, Nord-Sud XXI welcomes Venezuela's commitment to international action on climate change. As one of the leading contribution delegations at the climate change talks that take place each year, we hope that Venezuela be among the States leading the push for a Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Climate Change when the Council next considers this matter in June.

Finally, we recognize that there are areas where Venezuela can improve its respect for human rights. For example, we encourage Venezuela to examine how its can enhance the voice and participation of all its people in its political processes in a manner that builds on basic expression and participation rights as well as the responsibilities inherent in the exercise of these rights. We welcome constructive engagement with other States and civil society as to how this can be done.

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