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*Speaker: Romina Morán*

Thank you Mr. President,

RADDHO welcomes the delegation of Algeria and appreciates the efforts made during the past year to advance on its commitment to fight against corruption and to improve its human rights practices, consequently strengthening its democratic institutions.

Firstly, RADDHO calls upon the government to tackle gender-based violence and to modify the regulations of the Family Code, which are discriminatory against girls and women, regarding guardianship of minors, inheritance, divorce, polygamy and rejection. Women's access to employment must be strengthened, securing their access to careers in full equality with men.

We 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.

RADDHO recalls that Algeria is, foremost, an African country, and thus we remain concerned about the rise of hatred, racism and xenophobia against sub-saharan African migrants in the country. Algeria does not have national legislation concerning the status of refugees and asylum-seekers. This legal blur does not allow the Algerian authorities to provide adequate reception and administrative support for migrants.

Given this alarming situation, RADDHO invites the authorities to take appropriate measures to put an end to the ordeal of African migrants while guaranteeing better protection in the country.

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, and the International Convention on the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Finally, we look forward to Algeria's continued cooperation with special procedures by inviting all mandate holders and lifting restrictions on the accreditation of representatives of human rights organizations and foreign journalists. Special attention must be given to the youth, the majority of whom live in misery.

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