Hon. Chairperson,

Vice Chairperson,

State Delegates,

NGOs and CSOs,

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen;

The delegation of the Republic of Uganda wishes to take this opportunity to salute the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights for the tremendous work done in promoting Human Rights in Africa. We are confident that with your guidance and leadership, this meeting will be successfully concluded.

Uganda equally appreciates the Observations and recommendations made by the Commission in respect to our 5th Periodic Report on Human and People’s Rights presented at the 54th Ordinary Session here in Banjul.

We also wish to convey our appreciation to the Government and Peoples of The Gambia for hosting this meeting and the hospitality always accorded.

Madam Chairperson,

We are glad to report that the Government of the Republic of Uganda held successful general elections early this year in February, though contested by the opposition, the Supreme Court ruled in favour of the ruling Government. The Government reiterates its full support to the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights. We pledge our continued commitment to work with the commission in fulfillment of its mandate which we view as a noble cause.

Our Government is taking every possible measure to fulfill her obligations under the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights as well as other International Human Rights instruments whose tenets are enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda. Noteworthy, Uganda has adopted the Human Rights Based
Approach in the National Development Plan II (NDPII) as well as the inclusion of SDG 5: Achieve gender Equality and Empower all Women and Girls in its NDP II which resonates well with this year’s theme: Women’s Rights-Our Collective Responsibility.

Madam Chairperson,

Uganda will be presenting her 6th Periodic Report next year which will give a detailed picture of the status of Human Rights in Uganda. I wish to mention here that in fulfilling our obligations, we sometimes do face numerous challenges. However, with the support of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights together with the cooperation of stakeholders both local and international, the government has been able to achieve significant progress in protection and promotion of human rights in Uganda.

It is our aspiration that we shall achieve the goals set forth in the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights and other Human Rights Instruments.

We wish all participants fruitful deliberations.

Thank you very much.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY