

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL  
16<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR  
REVIEW OF COLOMBIA  
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr. President,

The Nigerian delegation welcomes the delegation of Colombia and thanks them for the presentation of their UPR report. We commend them for the effort they put into preparing the report and for the progress made in promoting and protecting human rights in their country.

Having read the report, we would like to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the delegation of Colombia:

- i. The Government of Colombia should intensify efforts to guarantee gender equality and to empower women, including by developing its national policy on gender equality and by continuing the work currently underway in the Intersectoral Commission to Eradicate Violence against Women and the Legal Commission on Equity for Women in Congress.
- ii. The Government of Colombia should continue with its efforts to fight trafficking in persons within the framework of its Comprehensive National Strategy to Combat Trafficking in Persons. In this regard, we urge the Government of Colombia to work toward finalizing and adopting its National Strategy 2013 – 2018.

I thank you.

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