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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
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REVIEW OF ISRAEL
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr President,

Nigeria warmly welcomes the delegation of Israel to the 17th Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report. We however note, with concern, that the report was made available to delegations rather late, thus making it difficult to fully consider its contents before this meeting. Nevertheless, we welcome Israel's resumption of its engagement with the Human Rights Council.

We would like to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the Israeli authorities:

- i. Establish a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles.
- ii. Cooperate fully with all human rights mechanisms.
- iii. Intensify efforts to fight racism and xenophobia.

I thank you.