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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
17TH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR
REVIEW OF MALTA
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr. President,

The Nigerian delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Malta and thanks them for the presentation of their UPR report. We commend Malta for the effort put into the preparation of the report, and for their involvement of relevant stakeholders, including civil society.

We would like to make the following recommendations:

- i. Ratify the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers
- ii. Establish a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles.
- iii. Revise the mandate of the Parliamentary Ombudsman to enable it address racial discrimination in the private sphere and not just racial discrimination involving the government and State entities.
- iv. Take concrete measures to stop racism and hate speech by politicians as well as racism in the media.

I thank you.