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

Mr. President,

Nigeria warmly welcomes the delegation of Mexico and thanks them for the presentation of their UPR report. We commend Mexico for the participatory approach adopted in preparing the report which allowed for the views of various stakeholders to be taken into account. We also commend the authorities for the progress made in promoting and protecting human rights across a broad range of areas.

Nigeria would like to make the following recommendations:

- i. Continue to prioritise the fight against poverty and hunger within the framework of the National Development Plan.
- ii. Continue to prioritise public spending on social programmes in order to consolidate the gains made in reducing poverty, increasing access to health services as well as access to social security coverage.
- iii. Maintain the humane policy that ensures the protection of the rights of migrants, and guarantees them access to justice, education and healthcare, regardless of their status.

I thank you.

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