

REPUBLIQUE D' ANGOLA MISSION FERMAMENTE D'ANGOLA AUPRES DE L'OFFICE DES NATIONS UNIES À GENEYE

Statement by Angola at the Universal Periodic Review of Nigeria, 17th Session (22nd October 2013)

Mr. President,

Angola warmly welcomes the delegation of Nigeria to the UPR headed by H.E Mr. Mohammed Bello Adoke, Minister of Justice and Attorney General and thanks for its informative report.

We note with appreciation that since the first UPR in 2009, Nigeria have signed and acceded several human rights international instruments, including Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crime of Genocide.

Angola acknowledges the steps taken by the Government of Nigeria for the implementation of the recommendations of the first UPR Cycle. Among those developments we highlight:

- a) The efforts undertaken to strengthen the protection of victims of torture. On this regard, we commend the establishment of National Committee on Torture (NCOT) as a national mechanism to investigate allegations of torture, extra-judicial executions and other unlawful killings;
- b) The establishment of the Women Fund for Economic Empowerment (WOFEE) which constitutes an important step aimed to contribute for the implementation of the Convention on Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

Angola offers the following recommendation to the Government of Nigeria:

1. Intensify efforts in guaranteeing women's rights, including by allocating adequate resources in order to strengthen the implementing of CEDAW Convention.

I Thank you Mr. President.

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