

STATEMENT by BULGARIA

Thank you, Mr. President,

Bulgaria welcomes the distinguished delegation of Nigeria, led by H.E. Mr Mohammed Bello Adoke, Attorney General of the Federation, Minister of Justice of Nigeria

We thank for the comprehensive second national report which highlights the positive developments in Nigeria since the first review in 2009, the key ones being the accession to several human rights instruments, the constitutional review and the justice sector reform.

Bulgaria notes however that treaty bodies raised concerns over the high percentage of young age children not being enrolled in schools and the wide geographical disparities of enrolment rates and educational facilities, among other concerns.

In this regard, we recommend that measures be taken to:

- 1) ensure free and compulsory primary education;
- 2) address gender and regional disparities regarding the right to education;
- 3) ensure that children of minority groups have equal access to education and introduce curricula recognizing their right to use and receive education in their own language.

Bulgaria further notes that Nigeria has accepted the recommendation to extend an open invitation to the Special Procedures of HRC. However, no such invitation has yet been extended.

Bulgaria recommends the Government of Nigeria to continue the follow up on the request by a number of Special Procedures Mandate Holders to visit the country.

Thank you.