

CZECH REPUBLIC

17th UPR – STATEMENT ON NIGERIA

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Nigeria.

We welcome that Nigeria ratified the Optional Protocol to CAT. We remain, however, concerned about reports indicating the use of torture in Nigeria and **recommend** that Nigeria strengthen its system of independent monitoring in all detention facilities in accordance with this Protocol.

The Czech Republic is aware that Nigeria has to tackle serious security challenges but, in this regard, we wish to **recommend** that Nigeria strengthen the human rights training of state security forces and prevent the use of excessive force against civilians.

Concerning the electoral process, we **recommend** that Nigeria implement the 2011 EU Observation Mission recommendations concerning the equal political participation such as to provide assistance to IDPs or to prosecute people involved in election violence.

Further, we **recommend** Nigeria revising its laws discriminating LGBTI persons, including refraining from signing into law any new legislation criminalizing LGBTIs.

Finally, we **recommend** to renew the death penalty moratorium and to consider its abolishment.

Thank you, Mr. President.