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Mr. President,

Kenya commends Nigeria for its continued commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights.

We welcome efforts made to broaden and deepen the rule of law -- and to widen the democratic space -- by introducing legislative and constitutional reforms.

Additionally, we applaud the recent enactment of legislation to strengthen the national human rights institution, which will enhance its financial and operational status.

Kenya also notes that Nigeria has continued to mainstream human rights in its national planning, most notably, in the current economic transformation blueprint -- Vision 20: 2020.

We have also taken note of the recent accessions to additional human rights instruments, including the two Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as the two regional instruments -- on IDPs, and democracy and good governance.

Recommendation

We would recommend that Nigeria fully domesticates these instruments and put measures to fully implement them.

I thank you.