

**STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO**  
**Review of Nigeria**  
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**Council**  
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The delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho would like to welcome the Nigerian delegation to this Working Group of Universal Periodic Review and would like to congratulate them for a very elaborate report.

**Mr. President,**

The Lesotho delegation has carefully studied the report and welcomes the commendable strides Nigeria has made to effectively harmonise their domestic legislation with regional and international human rights instruments.

In this regard, it is assuring to note Nigeria's efforts to strengthen the institutional framework, including through the promulgation of the Fundamental Human Rights (Enforcement Procedures) Rules, 2009 that empowers the courts to interpret and apply the human rights provisions of the Constitution and the African Charter on Human and People's Rights.

**Mr. President,**

While Lesotho takes a positive note that Nigeria, like other states, faces some challenges in the realm of promotion and protection of human rights, we would like to make the following recommendation:

- Although Nigeria has ratified the majority of core international human rights instruments, the Lesotho delegation recommends that the government of Nigeria consider ratifying the outstanding international human rights instruments and further update domestic laws to be in line with the articles of those treaties;

- Lesotho also recommends that Nigeria continues to strengthen its human rights institutions and develop further measures to ensure the effective implementation of their mandate.

**I thank you**