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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA

Review of Nigeria

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Thank you Mr. President,

Mr. Mohammed Bello Adoke

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Nigeria, led by H.E. _____, to the 17th Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of its national report.

2. During Nigeria's first review, Malaysia made recommendations in the areas of combating the trafficking of women and children, improving the socio-economic conditions of women and poverty eradication, among others. We note positively that Nigeria has accepted my delegation's recommendations then, and has made significant achievements in those areas since its first UPR. Specifically, we laud Nigeria's long-term plan for stimulating the country's economic growth through its economic transformation blueprint, namely, Nigeria's Vision 20:2020.

3. We further note that the Vision provides, among others, a strategic framework in guaranteeing the well-being of Nigerians including the eradication of extreme poverty, enhancing access to quality healthcare, provisions of sustainable access to portable water and basic sanitation, provision of accessible and affordable housing, building human capacity for sustainable livelihoods, development and promotion of gender equality and empowerment of women.

4. In addition, Malaysia is also encouraged to note that Nigeria has taken strenuous efforts in the improvement of the socio-economic conditions of women including by providing them access to credit and loan facilities through the establishment of the Women Fund for Economic Empowerment and the Business Development Fund for Women.

5. In the spirit of constructive engagement and cooperation, my delegation would like to make the following **two** recommendations for the consideration of Nigeria:

- 5.1. to continue its positive approach in improving the socio-economic conditions of women, including intensifying support for women political aspirants through its Women Political Trust Fund; and

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- 5.2. to continue its efforts in improving access to affordable housing through proper implementation of its existing legal and policy frameworks including mortgage financing and its Public Private Partnership housing estate schemes.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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