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Mr. President,

I wish to thank all delegations for the questions, comments, recommendations and above all the constructive manner in which they have engaged with us over the last three and a half hours.

For us in Nigeria, cooperation with the United Nations human rights is an issue of high priority. It is for this reason that we have always played active role in the work of the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary bodies and mechanisms.

We believe in the relevance and usefulness of the UPR mechanism and the potential it holds for nudging Member States of the United Nations towards the realization of human rights for all in a progressive manner. The UPR has been a worthwhile process for us. It provides an opportunity for us to systematically create the enabling environment for enhancing the realization of human rights.

I wish to reaffirm our commitment to the promotion and protection of the human rights of all Nigerians. We look forward to working with our Troika - Chile, Cote d’Ivoire and Malaysia - over the next few days towards preparing a report that faithfully reflects the review exercise.

I thank you.