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**UPR of Nigeria**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

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Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Nigeria for their active participation in the UPR process and the presentation of their national report.

Poland is concerned about the reported cases of violence against children, especially gender-based violence and the high number of children forced into prostitution or experiencing other forms of sexual abuse, including in schools. For this reason, Poland would like to **recommend that Nigeria introduce appropriate legal measures prohibiting all forms of violence against children, ensure accountability and end impunity.**

Poland also notes with concern numerous accounts of underage (i. e. below 18 years of age) criminal offenders being sentenced to death or life imprisonment, and the fact that in states under the sharia jurisdiction death penalty can be imposed on children. Therefore, we would like to recommend that Nigeria **ensure that neither the death penalty nor the life sentence would be imposed for offences committed by persons below 18 years of age.**

Thank for your attention.