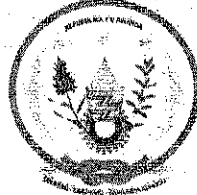


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Statement by: Rwanda Delegation

Thank you Mr. President,

The delegation of Rwanda welcomes Nigeria's participation in the 2nd Cycle of the UPR and its National report on the progress made concerning the implementation of the first Cycle recommendations.

We have studied the report and we would like to acknowledge the positive steps taken by Nigeria aimed at promoting and protecting human rights, in particular we commend the constitutional amendment in order to grant financial autonomy to the independent National Electoral Commission.

My delegation has taken note of all measures taken by the government of Nigeria in order to improve its internal Security.

We commend Nigeria for ratifying a number of UN Human rights instruments in particular the **Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crimes of Genocide**.

Rwanda also commends the establishment of laws and policies to protect children against all forms of violence though the Child Rights Act (CRA).

Finally, we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. *To continue its positive engagement towards elimination of discrimination against women,*
2. *To consider the abolition of the death penalty.*