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UPR of NIGERIA

Mr. President,

Slovenia would like to thank the delegation of Nigeria for the national report, its presentation today and their commitment to the UPR process. We would like to commend Nigeria for the ratification of the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflicts and on Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

Regarding its recommendation of the UPR of Nigeria in the first cycle on minority and indigenous rights, Slovenia would like to take note of the information contained in the Nigeria's UPR National report.

Slovenia notes with appreciation the appointment of the Special Rapporteur on the Child Rights in the Nigerian Human Rights Commission and the enactment of the Child Rights Laws in 22 States of the Federation. However, we are still concerned by the reports on the situation of children in the country, about female genital mutilation, different forms of violence against children and gender-based violence. Slovenia would like to **recommend** to Nigeria to take all the necessary measures at federal, state and local levels to prevent and eliminate all harmful practices against children.

In accordance with the Nigeria's commitment during the Universal Periodic Review in 2009, Slovenia would like to **recommend** to Nigeria to reinstate the moratorium on the use of death penalty.

Thank you.