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COUNTRY UNDER REVIEW: NIGERIA

Intervention by Turkey

Thank you, Mr. President.

We would like to welcome the Nigerian delegation and thank them for their well-structured national report and its successful presentation.

Turkey commends the economic transformation blueprint, which adopts human rights based and gender sensitive approach on economic growth. We would like to recommend the Government of Nigeria to enact effective legislative regulations that will apply this strategic plan into the daily life of the society.

Another important development is Nigeria's efforts in reforming the justice system in the country. Turkey believes that the two transformation attempts, namely the economic transformation blueprint and the justice sector reform, are hand-in-hand in achieving socio-economical development. We recommend the Nigerian Government to also continue the justice sector reform without any deviation.

On the other hand, we regret to see that Nigeria did not approve the recommendation on the abolishment of the death penalty, which was presented at the first UPR round. We reiterate our recommendation to consider declaring a moratorium.

Finally, we understand that the Nigerian Government is under a serious pressure of security threats. We regret to witness that the deteriorating security situation in North Africa and in Mali is having a negative impact on sub Saharan West Africa and Nigeria is also partly affected.

In this respect, we would appreciate to learn the latest situation and certain insights that the esteemed Nigerian delegation may like to share with us on the continuation and scope of the emergency rule declared in the 3 states of North East of the country, in relation to the developments in the region and terror activities of Boko Haram and Al Ansaru, both of which are known to have links to al-Qaeda.

I thank you Mr. President.