

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL  
17<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR  
REVIEW OF SAUDI ARABIA  
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr. President,

Nigeria warmly welcomes the delegation of Saudi Arabia and thanks them for the presentation of their UPR report. We commend Saudi Arabia for the involvement of civil society in the national consultations held to prepare the report as well as the progress made in promoting and protecting human rights.

We would like to make the following recommendations for the consideration of Saudi Arabia:

- i. Continue efforts to build and develop judicial capacities through training for judges and intensify efforts to strengthen the role of the judiciary.
- ii. Maintain the practice whereby the Ministry of Justice pays the fees of counsel for accused persons who are unable to pay as well as the presence of the media and persons interested in human rights during trial hearings.
- iii. Continue to expand the opportunities for women's political and public participation, employment and education.
- iv. Continue to take measures for the increased protection of the rights of migrant workers.

I thank you.

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