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Review of Afghanistan

Statement by Nigeria

Nigeria warmly welcomes the delegation of Afghanistan to the human rights council and thanks them for their report. Nigeria is impressed by the demonstrated engagement of Afghanistan with the Universal Periodic Review process.

The Nigerian delegation notes with delight the stated efforts of the Government of Afghanistan towards promoting and protecting the human rights of its people. We welcome Afghanistan's drive towards enshrining legislations that are in consonance with international human rights statutes and humanitarian law.

Afghanistan has been through tenuous moments in its history and in the strive towards enthroning popular Governance. In this connection, Nigeria encourages the international community to continue to be seized with the challenges impairing human rights protection in Afghanistan. We call on the international community to support the Government of Afghanistan. We urge the Government of Afghanistan to enable the increased participation of women in the provincial council legislature.

Believing that every child, including girl children, is entitled to education, we urge the Government of Afghanistan to prioritize the education of its people. Finally, my delegation recommends that Afghanistan endeavours to improve on the institutions of health care delivery in order to facilitate accessible health services for its citizens especially women and children. Nigeria wishes the delegation of Afghanistan a successful review.

I thank you.