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Review of Slovakia

Statement by Nigeria

Nigeria warmly welcomes the delegation of Slovakia to the Human Rights Council and thanks them for their report. Nigeria is impressed by the demonstrated constructive engagement with the Universal Periodic Review process.

The Nigerian delegation notes with delight that the Government of Slovakia accepted eighty-two of the ninety one recommendations proffered. Nigeria welcomes the ongoing efforts by Slovakia to consecrate international human rights statutes and international humanitarian law to conform with its domestic legal system. While calling on Slovakia to ratify the human rights instruments it is yet to adopt, particularly with regards to the non-violation of women and child rights, we are pleased that Slovakia has signed many human rights conventions of the United Nations and the Council of Europe

We urge the Government of Slovakia to take more seriously issues of racial discrimination. The continued problems affecting citizenship status of Roma Communities must be addressed without delay. We call on the Government of Slovakia to stamp out Violence against women and domestic violence, by carrying its obligations in line with the Council of Europe Convention to that effect. My delegation wishes Slovakia a successful review

I thank you.