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Review of Vanuatu

Statement by Nigeria

Nigeria welcomes the delegation of Vanuatu to the Human Rights Council and thanks them for their UPR report. We are delighted that Vanuatu has remained constructively engaged with the office of the high commissioner for human rights.

Nigeria notes impressively that Vanuatu consulted all sectors of the nation in the production of the UPR report. Nigeria urges Vanuatu to prioritize the promotion and protection of the human rights of its people. Nigeria calls on the Government of Vanuatu to ratify the optional protocol to the convention on persons with disabilities, having ratified the UN convention on Persons with disabilities.

Nigeria will recommend as follows firstly, prioritize the education of all Vanuatu citizens, second, ensure that all vanuatu people are able to access health services and third the Government of Vanuatu should endeavour to establish a human rights institution in the country in accordance with the Paris principles. The Nigerian delegation wishes the Government of Vanuatu a successful review.

I thank you