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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL  
19TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP  
REVIEW OF NICARAGUA  
7 MAY 2014

Statement by Nigeria

Mr President,

Nigeria warmly welcomes the delegation of Nicaragua to the Human Rights Council and thanks them for their National Report. We acknowledge Nicaragua's commitment to the UPR process. We commend the expressed attention devoted by Nicaragua to meeting human rights obligations.

2. Nigeria welcomes the concerted efforts deployed to end poverty and we are encouraged by Nicaragua's programmes dedicated toward increasing the availability of food, economic empowerment and reducing security threats in the country.

3. We urge Nicaragua to prioritize, the establishment of an atmosphere that enshrines justice, gender balance, fundamental rights and basic freedoms for its people. We have three recommendations:

- I. Continue to raise efforts pointed at eradicating poverty; and ensure strict implementation of the National Human Development plan 2013 - 2017;
- II. Prioritize education for all;
- III. Improve health care.

4. As we call on the international community to support Nicaragua, where it requests, We wish Nicaragua a successful review.

I thank you.