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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
19TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP
REVIEW OF QATAR
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Statement by Nigeria

Mr President,

Nigeria warmly welcomes the delegation of Qatar to the Human Rights Council and thanks them for their National Report. We acknowledge Qatar's continued constructive engagement with the OHCHR. We welcome Qatar's stated devotion to international human rights obligations. Nigeria notes the impressive enthusiasm exhibited by Qatar in the lead-up to this event.

2. Nigeria is encouraged by the establishment, in July 2013, of the Qatar Foundation for Social Action, particularly as it embraces functions of social welfare with regards to women and child rights. We urge the Government of Qatar to broaden, in more practical terms, the functions of this foundation to include human rights orientation for its people.

3. As we recognize the setting up of a committee for International humanitarian law, we invite Qatar to speedily engage the process of adapting international conventions into domestic statutes.

4. We have three recommendations;

- I. Prioritize the education of the girl Child;
- II. Denounce gender discrimination; and
- III. Continue to improve on efforts pointed at combatting human trafficking.

5. My delegation wishes Qatar a successful review.

I thank you.