

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

20th Session of the UPR Working Group

Review of Egypt

5 November 2014

113

Statement by Nigeria

Mr President,

① Nigeria warmly welcomes the delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Human Rights Council and wishes to express our solidarity with them for their cooperation and continued engagement with the Universal Periodic Review process and the Office of the High Commissioner Human Rights.

③ My delegation commends Egypt for its informative and comprehensive national report and we call on Egyptian Government to continue to implement the accepted recommendations relevant to Artistic freedom of expression, Freedoms of association and assembly, and the Right to participate in public life and politics.

Nigeria has three recommendations for the consideration of Egypt.

- i. Take necessary steps to amend article 126 of the penal code on the criminalization of torture, in other to ensure conformity with the international convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment to which Egypt is a state party.
- ii Endeavour to address gaps in the violation of migrants rights.
- iii Adapt international human rights conventions into Egyptian domestic statutes

② The Nigerian delegation notes appreciably Egypt's concerted efforts aimed at increasing societal awareness of the dangers of sexual harassment.

④ Nigeria wishes Egypt every success.

⑤ I thank you.

Patrick Obemuehi