

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL  
20<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR  
REVIEW OF MADAGASCAR  
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr President,

The Nigerian delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Madagascar to the Human Rights Council and wishes to express our solidarity with them for their cooperation and determination to continue engagement with the UPR process and the office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

We commend the Government of Madagascar for the development of a National Policy designed to combat gender based violence which will help put an end to the impunity of the perpetrators of such violence.

While acknowledging the construction of new schools and the refurbishing of the existing ones, we urge the Government to;

- i improve on the wages of teachers and Civil Servants
- ii ensure that teachers are sufficiently equipped and possess basic requirements for teaching.
- iii improve on Detention conditions and detainees tried without further delay.

Finally Mr. President, the delegation of Nigeria urge the Government of Madagascar to put an end to the political crisis that engulfed the Country since 2009. This will enable the Malagasy Government to fully fulfil its Human Rights obligations.

I thank you.