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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

22ND SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR

REVIEW OF BELARUS

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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr. President,

The Nigerian delegation welcomes the presentation by the delegation of Belarus of their national UPR report and the progress made by its government towards the implementation of the recommendations. We commend the efforts of Belarus for its broad approach and inclusiveness by subjecting the report to extensive public hearings, national consultations and the involvement of the three arms of government, the academic circle, and the civil society organisations; and its bold attempt to revise the report on account of the proposals of voluntary organizations

2. We welcome her action in acceding to a number of international agreements particularly those on action against trafficking in human beings and the convention on standards for democratic elections, electoral rights and freedom in the state members of the commonwealth of Independent States and the additional protocol for the criminal law convention.

Mr. President,

3. The Nigerian delegation has the following recommendations to make:

- i. We encourage the government of Belarus to do more in the institutions responsible for the promotion and protection of human rights and particularly establishing a national human rights institution.
- ii. We encourage the government of Belarus to reconsider its conclusion not to accede to the convention on the Protection of the Rights of all migrant workers and members of their families as contained in Recommendation 1.

4. Nonetheless, we commend the government of Belarus for carrying out improvements in its legislation under recommendations 3 and 54 by adopting a number of laws and regulations.

I thank you.
