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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL  
22<sup>ND</sup> SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR  
REVIEW OF CROATIA  
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr. President,

The Nigerian delegation welcomes the delegation of Croatia and congratulates them for the presentation of their UPR report.

We commend Croatia for its national programme for the protection and promotion of human rights 2013-2016; and putting up a legal framework for its implementation including the setting up of an Ombudsman to protect citizens from violations of their rights by State Administrative Bodies.

2. We welcome the government efforts to implement anti discriminatory measures; the promotion of gender equality and the introduction of a mechanism for combating hate crimes. We note the provision of international instruments into its criminal code with regard to the prevention and prosecution of torture.

3. The Nigerian delegation further commends Croatia for the implementation of the Constitutional Act on the Rights of National Minorities (CARNM); and notes the efforts of the Croatian authorities in the prevention of violence, especially via its national prevention project entitled "*Living without violence*", which is aimed at educating children on non-violence, gender equality and non-discrimination.

Mr President,

4. My delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

- I. That the government of Croatia should intensify efforts at improving and strengthening its human rights institutions;
- II. That the government of Croatia should also intensify efforts towards providing all children with equal access to education, including the Roma children; and finally,

III. We call on the government of Croatia to consider reviewing its Aliens Act in favour of temporary residents on humanitarian grounds.

I thank you.

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