

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr. President,

The Nigerian delegation welcomes the delegation of Jamaica and congratulates them for their presentation.

2. We commend Jamaica's efforts towards improving the human rights situation in the country, as enunciated in her National Development Plan Vision 2030. In the same vein, we welcome her effort at protecting the vulnerable in its society through the comprehensive social protection strategy developed in 2013 which defines the goals and objectives of an effective social protection system.

3. We welcome Jamaica's ratification of seven out of the nine core international human rights instruments and the progress made in addressing many of the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur on Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment. We also note her efforts towards the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) aimed at protecting and promoting the rights of Jamaican citizens.

Mr. President,

4. My delegation wishes to make the following recommendations:

- i. that Jamaica should take measures with a view to ending discrimination against women and children; eliminate negative stereotypes as well as combating torture and ill treatment by the law enforcement agencies;
- ii. to improve prison conditions and detention facilities;
- iii. to hasten the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) in line with the Paris Principles; and lastly
- iv. to commit more resources to primary health care.

I thank you.