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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr. President,

The Nigerian delegation welcomes the delegation of the United States of America and commends the US efforts toward effective implementation of her human rights treaty obligations. The involvement of Civil Society in the process further demonstrates the commitment of the United States.

2. We note the efforts of the United States towards elimination of racial discrimination in view of its racial diversity. The investigations by the Justice Department into police departments engaged in practices of conduct that deprives persons of their rights, and the excessive use of force, is highly commendable. We welcome the setting up of a task force on 21st century Policing, aimed at fostering strong relationship between local law enforcement officers and the communities they protect.

Mr. President,

~~2.~~ We recommend:

- i. that the US toughens its efforts to prevent religion and hate crimes as it is evident that the crimes are on the increase;
- ii. that the United States accelerates the process of passing a legislation to reform the mandatory minimum sentences begun with the Smart on Crime Initiative; and finally
- iii. that the process of roundtable discussions among law enforcement, elected officials, and community members, aimed to stem profiling and excessive use of force by the police should be stepped up to cover as many cities as possible.

5. - In conclusion, we wish the United States success in the implementation of the recommendations.

I thank you Mr. President.
