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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
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REVIEW OF OMAN
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr. President,

The Nigerian delegation welcomes the delegation of Oman and congratulates them for the presentation, which highlighted the positive developments in Oman since her last periodic review cycle.

2. My delegation notes Oman's efforts to consolidate the legal framework for the protection and promotion of human rights, through its various constitutional and institutional developments, which have seen amendments to her basic laws of State and national legislation.

3. We also commend Oman for the policies and legislation, which Oman has put in place in order to promote human rights in the international treaties she is party to. Such acts designed to close previous loopholes address the issue of statelessness, Omani citizenship, and transparency in the electoral appeal law.

4. Furthermore, we welcome Oman's national policies towards ensuring decent standard of living for its nationals, including her programmes for the protection of persons with disabilities and the introduction of the Wage Protection System for workers.

Mr. President,

5. While we note the effort of the government of Oman to promote human rights at all levels and the promotion of political participation, we urge the government of Oman to accede to the following treaties, which are currently being evaluated. They include:

- i. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966)
- ii. The International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and their Families; and
- iii. International Labour Organization (ILO) Freedom of Association, and the Protection of the Right to organize Convention of 1948; and the Right to Organize and Collective Bargaining Convention of 1949.

6. Finally, we wish Oman every success in its review process.

I thank you.
