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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL  
23<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR  
REVIEW OF RWANDA  
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr. President,

The Nigerian delegation welcomes the presentation of Rwanda national UPR report and wishes to express solidarity with the delegation of Rwanda for their cooperation and continued engagement with the UPR process.

2. We note with satisfaction the creation of Rwanda National Commission for the fight against Genocide whose core mission is to prevent and fight against genocide ideology as well as address genocide consequences both within and outside Rwanda.

3. In addition, the Nigerian delegation commends the Rwandan government for the bold initiatives it has taken in the development of a normative and institutional framework to address various issues of human rights in the country through her signatory to relevant and related international instruments; and in particular, through her enactment of new laws and or amendment of existing laws that emphasize the protection and respect of human rights.

4. Nigeria is pleased with Rwanda's continuing steps to foster gender equality in the country through the implementation of

initiatives that are aimed at increasing the representation of women at various levels of government, which had resulted to women occupying 64% of seats in Rwanda's lower Chamber of Parliament.

5. We also applaud Government's use of home-grown and community level initiatives in the implementation of policies and programmes at the local level, especially in the health care delivery system and settlement of disputes. By so doing, we commend Rwanda for making the right to justice and the right to health applicable to all its citizens.

Mr. President,

6. Nigeria would like to recommend that Rwanda continue with measures already put in place to ensure the integration and welfare of marginalised and vulnerable members of the society through adult literacy, community health insurance, and provision of decent shelter to the poor and disadvantaged population.

7. In conclusion, we commend Rwanda's progress in the implementation of its first cycle UPR recommendations.

I thank you.

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