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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
23RD SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR
REVIEW OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr. President,

Nigeria welcomes the delegation of Sao Tome and Principe and congratulates them for their report. We want to use this opportunity to express solidarity with the Government and people of Sao Tome and Principe and we commend their continued constructive engagement with the OHCHR.

2. My delegation appreciates the efforts made by Sao Tome and Principe towards the establishment of the Counselling Centre against Domestic Violence. This indicates its commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights of its citizens.
3. We commend Sao Tome and Principe for its effort towards providing access to safe drinking water and the recent positive developments recorded in the area of primary health-care services. In this connection, we acknowledge the significant progress made in reducing infant mortality rates.
4. We call on Sao Tome and Principe to prioritize the promotion and protection of the Human Rights of their citizens.
5. Nigeria would like to make the following recommendations:

- i. The government of Sao Tome and Principe should continue to provide the enabling environment for institutions responsible for the promotion and protection of human rights and particularly by establishing a national human rights institution;
- ii. Adopt a proactive and comprehensive strategy to eliminate discrimination against all vulnerable groups; and
- iii. Strive to accede to core human rights instruments relevant to the enjoyment of human for all persons.

6. In conclusion, Mr. President, Nigeria wishes Sao Tome and Principe every success in its review process.

I thank you.
