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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
24TH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR
REVIEW OF MOZAMBIQUE
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr. President

Nigeria welcomes the delegation of Mozambique and her UPR presentation. We commend Mozambique for accepting 90 percent of the recommendations in her UPR and their inclusion in her operational matrix plan for full implementation.

2. Mozambique has made tremendous efforts in setting the legal and institutional framework for the protection and promotion of human rights through its constitutional provisions and subscription to related international legal instruments . The establishment of her National Human Rights Commission, the inclusion of the role of civil society in her constitution; and the appointment of an Ombudsman who reports regularly to Parliament, are commendable steps Mozambique has taken to better her human rights record.

3. Despite these laudable steps taken, we would like to make the following recommendations to Mozambique:

- i) to improve the conditions in correctional and other detention facilities;
- ii) to raise the level of professionalism and efficiency in the police force;

- iii) to reduce the literacy rate among girls;
- iv) international community to provide technical assistance to Mozambique to fight the HIV/AIDS pandemic; and technical and international cooperation to strengthen its human rights institution.

I thank you.