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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr. President,

The Nigerian delegation welcomes the presentation of Namibia's national UPR report and commends the institutional framework put in place for the promotion and protection of human rights; including her creation of the Office of Ombudsman in line with the Paris Principles.

2. We commend the Namibian government for the bold initiatives it has taken through her introduction of various programmes aimed at reducing poverty; and the number of legislation passed since her last review to boost employment, prison reforms, a new wage order for domestic workers and the repeal and replacement of the High Court rules on immovable property.

3. My delegation also notes with satisfaction Namibia's commitment towards eliminating all forms of Gender-Based Violence as manifested in the Namibian National Gender Policy (2010–2020), which provides an effective framework to achieve gender equality.

4. The effort of the government to address the issues of indigenous communities in Namibia including the strategies put in place is welcome. We believe that these strategies will address the issue of social exclusion both for the indigenous and nomadic people of Namibia as well as provide the fillip in the educational gap of marginalized children.

5. In conclusion, we commend Namibia for her implementation of the recommendations from its first UPR cycle and we wish her success in her second review.

I thank you.
