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

Mr. President,

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

2. My delegation notes Niger's efforts at strengthening the legal framework for the protection and promotion of human rights, which resulted in her constitutional and institutional reforms, and ultimately, amendments to her basic laws of State and national legislation. These bold efforts, which culminated in the formulation of a National Policy on Justice and Human Rights, as well as a Ten-year Action Plan for the period 2016-2025, are commendable.

3. Furthermore, we welcome Niger's initiatives in developing policies and programmes aimed at preventing trafficking in persons through the National Commission to Coordinate the Fight against Trafficking in Persons (CNCLTP) and the National Agency for Combating Trafficking in Persons (ANLTP). The initiatives have led to a considerable reduction in the figure of trafficked persons.

Mr. President,

4. Despite these achievements we urge the government of Niger to promote human rights at all levels; ensure political inclusion in the forth-coming elections and ensure free and fair election.
5. In conclusion, we urge Niger to continue to provide the enabling environment for the protection of the rights of refugees and internally displaced persons in line with international best standard.
6. My delegation wishes Niger every success in this review process.

I thank you.
