



Statement delivered by South Africa

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Review of Niger

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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the delegation of Niger led by ... and the presentation of its National Report.

South Africa recognizes the achievements the country has undertaken since the last review, including the establishment of a National Human Rights Commission and the adoption of the Economic and Social Development Plan. At the same time, Niger continues to face challenges and impediments in the full realization of human rights exacerbated through amongst others the burden of external debt and the food crises.

South Africa encourages Niger to continue all efforts towards the promotion, protection and fulfilment of all human rights, including the Right to Development and recommends the following:

1. To continue efforts towards the abolition of the death penalty;
2. To continue implementing the 3N Initiative in order to ensure the full realization of the right to food; and
3. To undertake efforts to withdraw the country's reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

We wish Niger a very successful review during this Session.