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Review of the Niger

Statement by Armenia

Armenia welcomes the delegation of the Niger and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We appreciate the steps undertaken to promote the right to health, inter alia, through health development plans, strategies and programs. We also appreciate the Niger's commitment to maintaining an open-door policy for refugees.

However, we note that the Niger faces a few challenges in combating trafficking of persons. The high number of child marriages is another issue to be addressed. We also note that despite the fact that the Niger has signed and ratified many core international human rights instruments; the country has made many reservations that often hinder their effective implementation. We would like to encourage the Niger to reconsider those reservations.

We have two recommendations for the Niger:

- 1) To accede to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,
- 2) To take steps aimed at the elimination of child early and forced marriage.