

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL  
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REVIEW OF SEYCHELLES  
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr. Vice President,

Nigeria warmly welcomes the delegation of Seychelles for her UPR presentation. We commend Seychelles for putting in place, a legislative and institutional framework to review and enhance existing national laws; and to strengthen national human rights institutions.

2. We are pleased with Seychelles efforts to promote the rights of the child through her risk assessment framework, the re-launch of the scheme for fostering children and the revamping of the National Commission for Child Protection. We also note the steps taken by Seychelles to strengthen this framework, by setting up a Police Child Protection Team and the use of the media for sensitization, preventing and combating child abuse and ill-treatment.
3. Furthermore, we commend Seychelles for the enactment of the 'Local Government Act of 2015' aimed at involving people at the grassroots in local governance and decision making processes; and the promotion of the rights of women including her national action plan for gender based violence.
4. Mr. Vice President, despite all the above-mentioned achievements including those in the judiciary, education, health and other areas, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations to Seychelles:

- i) Ensure the successful implementation of their 'National Action Plan and Strategic Framework on Trafficking in Persons.
  - ii) Adopt better measures on discrimination against migrants and non-citizens.
  - iii) To do whatever is necessary to continue to promote and protect the fundamental freedoms and human rights of all its citizens.
5. Finally, we wish Seychelles success in its UPR process.

I thank you.

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