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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
24TH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR
REVIEW OF SOLOMON ISLANDS
25TH JANUARY 2016
STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr. Vice President,

Nigeria warmly welcomes the delegation of Solomon Islands and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. We note with satisfaction the enactment of the Immigration Act of 2012 and the Immigration Regulation of 2013, aimed at tackling cases of human trafficking in the country. In addition, the establishment of the National University Act of 2012, which provides quality tertiary education to the Island's population; and the Public Finance Management Act of 2013, are all efforts aimed at building transparency in the management of public finance in the country as well as providing quality education.

3. Nigeria also notes the 2014 Federal draft constitution which proposes the establishment of the Human Rights Commission that will help to promote, monitor and adjudicate human rights disputes and other related matters.

4. Mr. Vice President, Nigeria recommends the following for the kind consideration of the government of Solomon Islands:

- i. Hasten the process of establishing the National Human Rights Commission in line with the proposal of 2014-draft Constitution;
- ii. Strengthen strategies that are aimed at increasing gender equality and economic empowerment of women;
- iii. To do whatever is necessary to continue to promote and protect the fundamental freedoms and human rights of all its citizens.

5. Nigeria wishes Solomon Islands a successful UPR process.

6. I thank you.
