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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr. Vice President,

Nigeria welcomes the delegation of Somalia and her UPR presentation. We note the socio-political and constitutional progress the government has made towards its state formation process with the inclusion of human and political rights in the Somali Provisional Constitution. We commend the government's engagement with relevant stakeholders such as local authorities; civil societies, traditional and religious rulers, women and youths towards post States formation, mediation and reconciliation within communities of the regional established States.

2. We equally note the government's continuous efforts in strengthening the legal system and security institutions aimed at finding a lasting solution to the security challenges posed by terrorism.

3. Mr. Vice President, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations to Somalia for consideration:

- i) Intensify efforts in enacting and strengthening appropriate legal framework, which will address gender inequalities, sexual violence and protection of women's rights;
- ii) Ensure a successful completion and adoption of a Federal Constitution in line with the Federal Government's agenda and Vision 2016;
- iii) Do its best in addressing the issue of internally displaced persons;
- iv) Intensify its efforts in addressing the issues of education, poverty and health.

4. Finally, we joined Somalia to call on the international community to provide technical

and financial assistance in order to speed up implementation of its National Human Rights Roadmap and Action Plan.

5. I thank you.
