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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
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REVIEW OF GREECE
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr President,

Nigeria welcomes the delegation of Greece and the presentation of their national report.

2. We Commend Greece for the progress made in improving the general conditions of migrants who had been placed in detention facilities, and in releasing many of them.

3. My delegation welcomes the issuance of the new circular on the right of every single child living in Greece to enrol in school, irrespective of residence status. We however remain concern at the persistence of the limited access of Roma children to school including their enrolment and segregation in schools.

4. We are pleased to note the National Human Rights Action Plan, the National Action Plan for Children's Rights, the Integrated Action Plan for the Social Inclusion of the Greek Roma, as well as the Revised National Action Plan on the reform of the asylum system and migration management. However, despite this, we express concern at the absence of a national action plan against racism.

5. Nigeria is nevertheless encouraged by the implementations of many of the recommendations received during the last UPR as well as the many programmes initiated and embarked upon by Greece with a view to protecting and promoting the human rights of its citizens.

6. Despite these achievements we recommend the following for consideration by the government of Greece:

- that the Government investigates all cases of xenophobic violence and attacks against migrants, including any law enforcement officer involvement in those crimes;
- conduct public campaigns on racism and xenophobia; and include human rights education and awareness-raising in the educational curriculum of public schools;
- that the Government ensures full respect for the human rights of migrants.

7. In conclusion, we wish Greece every success in its review process.

I thank you.
