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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

26TH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR

REVIEW OF ZIMBABWE

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**STATEMENT BY NIGERIA**

Mr. President

Nigeria welcomes Zimbabwe for their UPR presentation. We commend Zimbabwe for accepting majority of the recommendations during her first UPR cycle and acknowledge their National Plan of Action for the implementation of the recommendations received.

2. Zimbabwe has made tremendous efforts in setting the legal and institutional framework for the protection and promotion of human rights through its constitutional provisions and ratification of many human rights treaties. These include the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and its Protocol; the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially women and children; and the Optional Protocol to the UNCRC on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

3. Nigeria is encouraged by Zimbabwe’s bold steps on economic development through the launching of the Zimbabwe Agenda for Sustainable Socio-Economic Transformation (Zim-ASSET) 2013 – 2018; which is meant to revive the economy and achieve sustainable economic development, propelled by the judicious utilisation of the country’s human and natural resources.

4. Despite Zimbabwe’s economic challenges, caused by the imposition of economic sanctions, which has hampered the implementation and realisation of human rights, especially socio-economic rights, we would like to make the following recommendations to Zimbabwe:

i) To continue to mobilise resources and technical support to enhance its capacity to fulfil its human rights obligations; and

Ii) To continue to comply with international and regional standards in preventing and combating of trafficking in persons.

5. Finally, my delegation wishes Zimbabwe every success in its UPR process

I thank you.

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