**45TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW WORKING GROUP:**

**REVIEW OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Brunei Darussalam welcomes the delegation of **(**the Federal Republic of**)** Nigeria and thanks them for the presentation of their National Report.

We are pleased to note on the important steps taken by the Federal Government to alleviate poverty in the country, and commend the introduction of the Social Investment Programme **(**that aims to lift 100 million people out of poverty**)**.

Brunei Darussalam also welcomes the partnership with Nigerian institutions in financially supporting women-led enterprises, women-owned businesses and female entrepreneurs.

Moving forward, we propose two recommendations:

1. Continue efforts to tackle poverty within the Sustainable Development Goals **(**(SDGs)**)** framework; and
2. Further enhance programmes to fully implement the National Policy on Women’s Economic Empowerment and to realise the economic participation of women and the youth.

Mr. President,

Brunei Darussalam wishes Nigeria a successful review.

Thank you.

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