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Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the delegation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and thanks for its presentation.

Cyprus welcomes Nigeria’s adoption of a national action plan for the promotion and protection of human rights for 2022-2026, as well as the ratification of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights and the Rights of Older persons.

Cyprus wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. Consider establishing a moratorium on the use of the death penalty with the aim of working towards its total abolition.
2. Strengthen its efforts to curb gender-based violence as per the recommendations of the Human Rights Committee.
3. Prohibit in law and in practice the corporal punishment of children in all settings.
4. Repeal legislation that discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Thank you.