Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Lithuania welcomes the delegation of Nigeria and thanks for its National Report.

We commend the positive steps taken in addressing discrimination against women and girls. However, it is deeply concerning that Nigeria remains the country with the largest death row in the region.

Lithuania would like to make the following recommendations:

- One, consider the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR and introduction of a moratorium on the death penalty, as the first step towards abolishment.

- Two, intensify efforts to ensure access to free, compulsory, universal and quality education for every child, with particular focus on making education accessible for girls.

We wish Nigeria all success in the current UPR.

I thank you.