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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

28TH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR

REVIEW OF BENIN

10TH NOVEMBER, 2017

**STATEMENT BY NIGERIA**

Mr. Vice President,

Nigeria welcomes the delegation of Benin for the presentation of the UPR report, and commends it on the measures taken towards the implementation of the previous recommendations, as well as the progress made so far.

2. We commend the efforts of Benin in establishing and strengthening the institutional frameworks for the promotion and protection of human rights. Notable among these are, the establishment of the Human Rights Commission, the National Anti-Corruption Authority, as well as the regional offices of the Ombudsman. We note with encouragement the accomplishment of Benin in bringing its national legislations into line with international standard, as well as its cooperation with international human rights mechanisms. Nigeria also notes the improvement in prison conditions.

Mr. Vice President,

3. Nigeria wishes to recommend the following for the consideration of Benin:

1. To take further steps to conclude the ongoing prison modernisation;
2. To continue to mobilise resources and necessary technical support to further enhance its capacity to fulfil its human rights obligations.
3. To sustain and scale up ongoing efforts to attain the SDGs, such as access to drinking water, food security, access to health care and education.

4. Nigeria wishes Benin every success in this review process.

I thank you Mr. Vice President

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