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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

28TH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR

REVIEW OF GABON

7TH NOVEMBER, 2017

**STATEMENT BY NIGERIA**

Mr. Vice President,

Nigeria welcomes the delegation of Gabon and commends the country’s various efforts made in implementing the recommendations received during its second cycle of the UPR.

2. Nigeria notes with appreciation the genuine commitment by the Government of Gabon in combating and preventing trafficking in persons, especially women and children. It is gratifying to note the measures taken by the Government of Gabon, in partnership with UNICEF, in the area of judicial protection of children in conflict with the law and victims of trafficking in persons.

Mr. Vice President,

3. While acknowledging the tremendous efforts of the Government of Gabon in setting up both legal and institutional frameworks for the protection and promotion of human rights, we would like to offer the following recommendations to Gabon:

1. To continue to mobilise resources and necessary support to enhance its capacity to fulfil its human rights obligations; and
2. To intensify its efforts in combating and preventing trafficking in persons, especially women and children.

4. Nigeria wishes Gabon a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President

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