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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

28TH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR

REVIEW OF SWITZERLAND

9TH NOVEMBER, 2017

**STATEMENT BY NIGERIA**

Mr. President,

Nigeria welcomes the delegation of Switzerland for their UPR presentation and commends its commitment towards the implementation of the recommendations it accepted during the second cycle of the UPR.

2. In line with the acknowledgement by Switzerland that achieving the goals defined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a priority of its international cooperation efforts, Nigeria recommends that the Swiss Government should intensify efforts and cooperative engagement with a view to carrying out the speedy repatriation of already identified illicit funds and proceeds of corruption to countries of origin to aid the latter in the attainment of the SDGs.

3. Nigeria notes the Swiss remark that its migration policy recognises the positive contribution of foreign labour to the country’s prosperity. Nigeria also notes with encouragement the launch of the Cantonal Integration Programmes in 2014. We also welcome the adoption by Switzerland of a National Counter-terrorism Strategy and recommend that necessary actions should be taken by Switzerland to check terrorist financing. We are encouraged by the Human Rights Strategy adopted by the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, aimed at making human rights a systemic component of its foreign policy.

4. Nigeria wishes Switzerland a very successful review.

I thank you Mr. President

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