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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

30TH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR

REVIEW OF COLOMBIA

10TH MAY, 2018

**STATEMENT BY NIGERIA**

Mr Vice President,

Nigeria welcomes the delegation of Colombia to the presentation of their National Report, for the Third Cycle of the UPR. We commend Colombia for its continued cooperation with human rights mechanisms, and its efforts in the implementation of previous recommendations.

2. Nigeria notes with encouragement, Colombia’s adoption of the National Strategy to combat trafficking in persons. We consider as laudable, the adoption of the National Public Policy on Gender Equality for Women, and the Comprehensive Plan to Guarantee Women a Life Free from Violence, as well as the formulation of public policy guidelines to prevent risks and to protect and safeguard the rights of women victims of armed conflict.

3. While taking cognisance of the various efforts by the Government of Colombia in upholding human rights and fundamental freedoms, Nigeria wishes to make the following recommendations for the consideration of Colombia:

1. To redouble efforts in combating racial discrimination, especially against Afrodescendant populations; and
2. To continue to mobilise resources and seek necessary assistance to enhance its capacity to guarantee the promotion and protection of human rights.

4. We wish Colombia a very successful review process.

I thank you Mr Vice President

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