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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

30TH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR

REVIEW OF CUBA

16TH MAY, 2018

**STATEMENT BY NIGERIA**

Mr President,

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

2. In the spirit of constructive dialogue, Nigeria wishes to make the following recommendations for Cuba:

1. To continue to strengthen the mechanisms, channels and resources provided for prisoners to have timely access to legal assistance in prisons;
2. To continue to strengthen the measures to guarantee the right of all persons deprived of liberty to access the immediate remedies that allow them to challenge the legality of their detention; and
3. To continue to strengthen early warning systems for natural disasters to increase the perception of risk in the population.

3. Finally, we note with encouragement, the continued efforts by Cuba in promoting opportunities for the people to exercise all their individual freedoms and political rights in accordance with its laws, as well as the involvement of young people in decision-making.

4. We wish Cuba a very successful review process.

I thank you Mr President

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