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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

30TH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR

REVIEW OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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**STATEMENT BY NIGERIA**

Mr. President,

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

2. While noting the significant efforts by the Russian Federation in upholding human rights, and in the spirit of constructive dialogue, Nigeria wishes to offer the following recommendations for the consideration of the Russian Federation:

1. To sustain its efforts and commitment in combating corruption; and
2. To continue with its efforts in countering racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

3. Finally, Nigeria notes with encouragement, the anti-corruption stance of the Russian Federation, and the measures being put in place to combat corruption. We also welcome the country’s law on strengthening the family, and the laws on equality and non-discrimination.

4. We wish the Russian Federation a very successful review process.

I thank you Mr. President.

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