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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

30TH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR

REVIEW OF TURKMENISTAN

7TH MAY, 2018

**STATEMENT BY NIGERIA**

Mr. President,

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

2. Nigeria congratulates the Government of Turkmenistan for the enactment of the Trafficking in Persons Act in 2016, and commends it for the measures being taken to combat trafficking in persons. We also laud Turkmenistan for its efforts in ensuring equality and non-discrimination, as well as the promotion of religious tolerance among its populations. We note the efforts of Turkmenistan in strengthening its legal frame-works with a view to ensure compliance with international human rights obligations and standards.

3. While acknowledging the various efforts by the Government of Turkmenistan in upholding human rights, Nigeria wishes to offer the following recommendations for the consideration of Turkmenistan:

1. To continue with its efforts in combating trafficking in persons; and
2. To sustain its commitment in the promotion of religious tolerance, as well as its efforts in upholding human rights and fundamental freedoms.

4. We wish Turkmenistan a very successful review process.

I thank you Mr. President.

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