**Statement by Permanent Mission of Guyana**

**Third Cycle of the UPR: Presentation of Nigeria’s Report**

**November 6th, 2018, Palais des Nations**

Mr. Vice President,

On behalf of the Government of Guyana, I would like to welcome the Nigerian Delegation to Geneva and to thank them for the constructive Report presented to this UPR.

We take this opportunity to commend the Government of Nigeria for the establishment of an inter-ministerial National Committee on the UPR. We take note of and commend the efforts at the strengthening of the civil and military sector’s cooperation in the fight against terrorism. We also commend the ratification by Nigeria of the Maritime Labour Convention, the Paris Climate Change Agreements and the Africa Union convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Person’s in Africa.

**Recommendations:**

1. We commend Nigeria for the establishment of a programme to address violent extremism and we recommend strengthening of all efforts in this regard.
2. We commend Nigeria for the establishment of an inter-ministerial technical working group to develop a database of missing persons in Nigeria and we recommend this working group be expanded to include all relevant agencies.
3. We recommend strengthened implementation of the laws to abolish female genital mutilation.

We thank the Government of Nigeria for their cooperation and we wish them success in this UPR.