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Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the Nigerian delegation and its presentation delivered before us today.

Cyprus acknowledges Nigeria’s efforts to combat terrorism, notably, Boko Haram.

The country’s efforts to uphold Human Rights is evident by the various requests for technical assistance from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

My delegation also recognizes Nigeria’s commitment to transpose the various international agreements, setting an example for the whole continent.

Cyprus would like to offer two recommendations for the consideration of the Nigerian Authorities:

1. Raise awareness of Human Rights, especially within the government forces involved in counter-insurgency operations, to avoid excessive use of force, extrajudicial killings and ill-treatment.
2. To ensure that all the states in Nigeria adopt and implement the Child Rights Act, Violence Against Persons Act, and other International human rights agreements the federal government of Nigeria has ratified.

I Thank you Mr. President.