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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

31ST SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR

REVIEW OF SAUDI ARABIA

5TH NOVEMBER, 2018

**STATEMENT BY NIGERIA**

Mr President,

Nigeria warmly welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the presentation of their Third Cycle UPR National Report. We commend the Government of Saudi Arabia for its continued cooperation and engagement with human rights mechanisms, as well as its efforts in implementing the previous recommendations.

2. Nigeria further commends the Government of Saudi Arabia for its efforts in combating human trafficking, and its work on implementing the National Plan to Combat Crimes of Trafficking. We also laud the measures adopted by Saudi Arabia to promote the rights of domestic service workers.

3. While acknowledging the efforts of Saudi Arabia in upholding human rights, and in the spirit of constructive dialogue, Nigeria wishes to make the following recommendations for the consideration of Saudi Arabia:

1. Not to relent in its efforts in combatting human trafficking; and
2. To consider adopting further measures in promoting and protecting the rights of domestic service workers.

4. Finally, we wish Saudi Arabia a very successful review process.

I thank you Mr President.

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