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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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REVIEW OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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**STATEMENT BY NIGERIA**

Mr Vice President,

Nigeria warmly welcomes the delegation of the Central African Republic to the presentation of their National Report, for the Third Cycle UPR. We commend the country’s continued cooperation with human rights mechanisms and its efforts in implementing the previous recommendations.

2. Nigeria applauds the Government of the CAR for ratifying a number of international instruments, and its efforts in strengthening its legal and institutional frameworks for the promotion and protection of human rights. Furthermore, the efforts of the Government in promoting reconciliation and peaceful coexistence among the various religious communities in the country is highly commendable.

3. In the spirit of constructive dialogue, Nigeria wishes to make the following recommendations to the CAR:

1. To continue with its determined efforts in promoting reconciliation and peaceful coexistence among its people irrespective of religious or any other differences; and
2. To continue to mobilize resources and seek necessary international assistance to enhance its capacity to promote and protect human rights.

4. Finally, we wish the CAR a very successful review process.

I thank you Mr Vice President.

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