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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

31ST SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR

REVIEW OF THE CONGO

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**STATEMENT BY NIGERIA**

Mr President,

Nigeria warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of the Congo to the presentation of their UPR National Report. We commend the Government of the Congo for its continued cooperation with human rights mechanisms, and its efforts in implementing the recommendations accepted during the last review.

2. It is encouraging to note the ratification of a number of international human rights instrument by the Congo, and its continued efforts to strengthen its legal and institutional frameworks for the promotion and protection of human rights. We also commend the Congo for its concerted efforts to ensure the protection of the rights of vulnerable groups, especially women and children, as well as persons with disabilities.

3. While acknowledging the various efforts by the Government of the Congo in upholding human rights, Nigeria wishes to make the following recommendations to the Congo:

1. To continue to strengthen its legal and institutional frameworks for the promotion and protection of human rights; and
2. To keep mobilizing resources and seek necessary international support to enhance its capacity to protect and promote human rights.

4. Finally, we wish the Republic of the Congo a very successful review process.

I thank you Mr President.

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