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Thank you, Mr. President!

Bulgaria welcomes the high level Delegation of Nigeria and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We appreciate the positive developments in the legislative framework in Nigeria after the second UPR cycle, namely the enactment of the Violence against Persons (Prohibition) Act, Anti-Torture Act, Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act, etc. Bulgaria notes with satisfaction the adoption and implementation of the National Policy Framework and Action Plan on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism which is in conformity with the international human rights law and international humanitarian law.

Bulgaria would like to encourage Nigeria to undertake further measures aimed at implementation of the new legislation and public policies, as well to raise the effectiveness of the National Human Rights Commission.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations to Nigeria:

1. To take appropriate action to guarantee respect for human rights in the fight against terrorism, insurgency and other internal security operations and to ensure that all perpetrators of violations are brought to justice;
2. To intensify efforts to facilitate women’s economic empowerment, particularly in rural areas;

We wish the Delegation of Nigeria a successful review!

Thank you, Mr. President!