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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal on Universal Periodic Review of Nigeria**

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Mr. President,

Nepal welcomes the delegation of Nigeria and thanks for the presentation of reports.

We note that Nigeria has taken important initiatives to strengthen peace and social harmony

We welcome the approach towards implementation of the second National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

Effort taken by Nigeria to abolish traditional harmful practices including the FGM practice, particularly the enactment of Violence against Persons (Prohibition) Act, 2015, is appreciable.

We would like to recommend the following:

* Continue efforts to provide qualitative and accessible education, and health care for all children.
* Strengthen measures to prevent child trafficking and enhance social and economic welfare opportunities for the victims.

We wish Nigeria a successful UPR process.

Thank you.