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REVIEW OF AFGHANISTAN

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**STATEMENT BY NIGERIA**

Mr President,

Nigeria warmly welcomes the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the presentation of its National Report, for the Third Cycle UPR, and commend the country for the comprehensive update provided today. We also commend the Government of Afghanistan for its continued cooperation with human rights mechanisms, and its efforts in implementing the previous recommendations.

2. Nigeria appreciates the various efforts by the Government of Afghanistan in strengthening its legal and institutional frameworks for the promotion and protection of human rights. We note with encouragement, the commendable efforts by Afghanistan in combating terrorism and corruption.

3. While acknowledging the genuine efforts by the Government of Afghanistan in upholding human rights, and in the spirit of constructive dialogue, Nigeria wishes to offer the following recommendations for the consideration of Afghanistan:

1. To continue with its efforts in combatting terrorism and its funding; and
2. To scale up its efforts in fighting corruption.

4. Finally, we wish Afghanistan a very successful review process.

I thank you Mr President.

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