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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

32ND SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR

REVIEW OF ERITREA

28TH JANUARY, 2019

**STATEMENT BY NIGERIA**

Mr President,

Nigeria welcomes the delegation of Eritrea to the presentation of its UPR National Report. We appreciate the comprehensive updates provided today, and commend the Government of Eritrea for its cooperation with human rights mechanisms, and its efforts in the implementation of previous recommendations.

2. Nigeria notes with appreciation, the commitment by the Government of Eritrea to upholding human rights, and encourage it to redouble efforts in ensuring the full enjoyment of human rights by its people. We further commend Eritrea for its initiatives on poverty elimination and combatting malnutrition. These would further enhance the socio-economic well-being of its citizens.

3. While recognising the genuine efforts and commitment of the Government of Eritrea in the promotion and protection of human rights, Nigeria would like to make the following recommendations to Eritrea:

1. Not to relent in its efforts in combatting child labour and human trafficking; and
2. To redouble efforts and commitment in ensuring access to education for all its citizens.

4. We wish Eritrea a very successful review process.

I thank you Mr President

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