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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

32ND SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UPR

REVIEW OF CYPRUS

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**STATEMENT BY NIGERIA**

Mr President,

Nigeria welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Cyprus to the presentation of the country’s Third Cycle UPR National Report. We commend Cyrus for the continued cooperation with human rights mechanisms, and its efforts in implementing the previous recommendations.

2. Nigeria acknowledges the commitment of the Government of Cyprus in upholding human rights, especially its efforts in protecting the rights of migrants, and combatting human trafficking. It is gratifying to note the measures adopted by Cyprus for the support and protection of victims of human trafficking.

3. While noting the significant efforts by the Government of Cyprus in upholding human rights and fundamental freedoms, Nigeria wishes to make the following recommendations to Cyprus:

1. To continue to ensure the protection of the rights of migrants; and
2. To sustain its efforts in preventing and combatting human trafficking.

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

I thank you Mr President.

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