



**Human Rights Council
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Nigeria
Delivered by Permanent Representative HE Lucy Duncan
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Mr Vice-President,

New Zealand **welcome's** Nigeria's efforts to support human rights since its last UPR.

New Zealand **recommends** that Nigeria:

1. Repeal legislation that discriminates against LGBTQI+ individuals and same-sex marriage, including relevant sections in the Criminal Code Act 1990 and the Same-Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Act 2013;
2. Pass the Gender and Equal Opportunities bill into law; and
3. Continue to work on fully implementing the Violence against Persons (Prohibition) Act 2015 across all states, to further support the elimination of violence against women and girls.

We thank the delegation for their participation today and for their consideration of these recommendations.

Thank you Mr Vice-President.