

**STATEMENT BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ON AGENDA ITEM
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Mr. President,

Nigeria aligns itself with the importance attached to transparency under the Convention and appreciates the delegation of Australia for its work and report on the implementation of Article 7, being the Coordinator on Transparency Measures.

For my delegation, transparency is not merely an administrative requirement. It is an essential instrument for **building confidence, demonstrating implementation, identifying challenges and strengthening cooperation among States Parties**. Effective transparency also enables the international community to better understand where progress is being made, where implementation gaps remain, and where international cooperation and assistance may be required. This is consistent with the direction of the proposed Vientiane Capital Action Plan, which recognizes transparency reporting as an important means of assessing implementation and supporting communication and resource mobilisation.

Mr. President,

I am pleased to inform this Conference that Nigeria's **annual transparency reporting is up to date**. We regard timely reporting as an important demonstration of our commitment to the Convention and encourage all States Parties to make every effort to fulfil their Article 7 obligations within the prescribed timelines.

At the same time, Nigeria recognizes that delays in reporting **do not** necessarily reflect an absence of political commitment. For some States Parties,

particularly developing and capacity-constrained States, difficulties may arise from **limited technical expertise, administrative capacity, institutional coordination and competing national priorities**. Our collective response should therefore combine accountability with practical assistance.

In this regard, Nigeria commends the continued support of the **Implementation Support Unit** and encourages strengthened assistance to States experiencing reporting difficulties, including through technical guidance, training, information-sharing and exchanges of good practices. We welcome the approach reflected in the draft Action Plan whereby States requiring support may seek tailored assistance from the Coordinator, the ISU, United Nations agencies, other States Parties and relevant partners.

As we look towards the next review cycle, Nigeria supports efforts to improve the **timeliness, completeness and quality** of Article 7 reporting, including through the adapted reporting template. However, transparency mechanisms and indicators should remain **practical, realistic and proportionate to national capacities**. Reporting should facilitate implementation rather than become an additional administrative burden. It should also help States communicate genuine implementation challenges and, where appropriate, their needs for international cooperation and assistance.

Mr. President,

Transparency ultimately derives its value not from the number of reports submitted, but from how effectively the information provided helps us to **measure progress, identify needs, mobilize assistance and advance the humanitarian objectives of the Convention**.

Nigeria remains committed to fulfilling its transparency obligations and to working constructively with States Parties, the Coordinator and the ISU to strengthen a reporting system that is credible, effective and supportive of implementation.

I thank you, Mr. President.