Country: Nigeria

Committee: UNODC (United Nations

Office on Drugs and Crime)

Nigeria is located in South Africa. Nigeria is the most populated country in Africa. Due to Nigeria’s dense population, Nigeria is more open to any criminal actions.

Illegal organ transplantation and organ trafficking are really common in Nigeria. The Benue State of Nigeria has the highest percentage of organ trafficking.

According to NAPTIP’s- National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons- statistics, most of organ trafficking is done within the borders while the rest of it is done by cross-border trafficking. Organ trafficking is the 3rd most common crime followed by drug trafficking and economic fraud. (UNESCO, 2006)

Many people are taken by force or kidnapped and their organs are stolen and they are killed. Nigeria has strict laws such as Sector-20 which states punishments for organ traffickers that sentence them to many years of jail and fees that depend on the level of crime. Nigeria's other face of approach is very victim-centered behaving and the government tries to improve their situation and increase their awareness so that victims will not be willing to sell their organs to get rid of poverty or awful life standards. Dr. Luc Noel, a former official at the World Health Organization, stated that the problem is not an isolated problem, but an international problem that should be solved with participated operations and network intelligence sharing.

However organ trafficking is an international problem that threatens human rights and Nigeria proposes enhanced collaborative measures including, but not limited to:

- Strengthening international legal cooperation to arrest to traffickers and their accomplices and take them in front of justice, regardless where they operate.

- Sharing intelligence and best practices to cut the networks that ease organ trafficking.

- Providing fundings to help Nigeria to enhance their law enforcements and security measures to increase the pressure on criminals.

Furthermore, we seek support in establishing comprehensive victim support services that uphold the rights and dignity of those affected. It is crucial that our efforts are victim-centered, ensuring that survivors receive the care and support they need to rebuild their lives.

In conclusion Nigeria is willing to share works with all the nations such as Western European countries and the UK that provide home and accommodation to accomplices, to solve the main problem on both fronts by organizing joint operations both at the target country and the origin country. By doing the operations at the fronts, the criminals and the accomplices will feel the higher pressure on them and they will fall one by one. Nigeria also asks for funding to improve their law enforcement and security measures to increase the pressure. Nigeria is expecting awareness from especially first-world countries to prevent crime more easily and effectively.

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