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The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the General Assembly Affairs Branch and has the honour to inform that the Government of Nigeria has decided to present its candidature to the Human Rights Council at elections to be held on 9 May 2006, and to this end will shortly submit its pledges and commitments for the protection and promotion of human rights in conformity with operative paragraph 8 of resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006.

Nigeria is firmly committed in its belief in the principles of dignity and equality of all human beings and seeks the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction. In this connection, Nigeria is signatory to all United Nations conventions and treaties on human rights and fundamental freedoms as well as to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights.

Nigeria has contributed immensely to the promotion and protection of democracy and human rights at sub-regional and regional levels and has been in the forefront for reform of the United Nations human rights machinery to ensure that respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms is accorded the importance it deserves. Nigeria is convinced that its membership of the Human Rights Council will contribute significantly to the realization of the noble goals and objectives of the Human Rights Council.

The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the General Assembly Affairs Branch the assurances of its highest consideration.

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