



Oral Statement

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Mr. President,

The World Evangelical Alliance and Christian Solidarity International wish to draw the Council's attention to the alarming escalation of violence in Nigeria. More than 3.5 million people remain displaced, many without adequate food, water, sanitation, or shelter. The humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate, with women and children particularly at risk.

In the Middle Belt and Northern regions, recurring cycles of deadly violence have devastated entire communities. Homes, farms, and places of worship have been destroyed, leaving thousands displaced and without livelihoods. Despite the scale of these attacks, civilians are often left unprotected, and accountability for grave abuses remains rare.

We are concerned that the Nigerian authorities have not been able to prevent such violence or ensure the protection of affected populations.

We therefore urge the Government of Nigeria to take immediate and concrete measures to safeguard vulnerable communities, including by adequately training, equipping, and deploying security forces in line with human rights standards, while also addressing the root causes of conflict.

We further call on Nigeria, with support from the international community, to guarantee displaced persons access to adequate food, shelter, and essential services, in accordance with its human rights obligations.

Thank you.