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The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations, Office for Disarmament Affairs and has the honor to refer to the latter's Note Verbale No. ODA/12-2009/AVPP of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009, seeking the view of Nigeria on operative paragraph 2 of Resolution 63/23 entitled "Promoting development through Resolution and Prevention of armed violence".

The view of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is as follows: "Nigeria is of the strong view that armed violence which is a manifestation of conflict cannot coexist with development. Armed robbery causes the destruction to lives and property, thereby thwarting development. Development is the key to promote conditions for peace and stability without which the conditions for armed violence easily take root."

The permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations, Office for Disarmament Affairs, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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