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**Report of the launch of United Nations Security Council Resolution
(UNSCR) 2250 in Nigeria**

The Centre for Sustainable Development and Education in Africa (CSDEA) in collaboration with the Global Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS), the United Nations Interagency Working Group on Youth and Peacebuilding, Search for Common Ground (SFCG) the National Peace Summit Group (NPSG) and Cordaid launched the UNSCR 2250 on the 24th of October, 2016 at Kebbi Hotel, Abuja.

The purpose of the launch was to create awareness on UNSCR 2250 and also deliberate on possibly entry points for a multi-stakeholder implementation of the resolution that will support sustainable peace and development in Nigeria.

The UN Security Council Resolution 2250 (UNSCR2250) was passed after more than 10,000 young people called for it in the **Amman Youth Declaration**, adopted during the Global Forum on Youth, Peace and Security in August 2015. The Resolution marks the birth of a Youth, Peace and Security agenda and was very much inspired by the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. The adoption of the UNSCR2250 marks the culmination of years of advocacy by civil society for the recognition by the Security Council that young men and young women have a critical and positive role to play for building sustainable peace. Its passage would not have been achieved without the leadership of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, who sponsored the resolution, hosted the Global Forum in Amman and led an Open Debate in the Security Council in April 2015.

Young people from several of the states in Nigeria were represented including the leadership of the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN) and the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS). The event witnessed high level speeches from UNESCO's Ambassador John Fashanu, Director General of the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution – Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Sunday Peter – Deputy Speaker of the Adamawa State House of Assembly, Rajendra Mulmi – Country Director of Search for Common Ground, Comrade Tijjani Kabir of the National Association of Nigerian Students, and a representative of the National Council for Women Societies.

There was a unanimous agreement to embark on the following to support the implementation of UNSCR 2250 in Nigeria:

1. Launch of UNSCR 2250 at the State and Local Government levels.
2. Domesticize/localize UNSCR 2250 in Nigeria including availability in local languages.
3. Set up a meeting with relevant government ministries to get their commitments.
4. Set up a meeting with donors to get their commitments.
5. Set up a meeting with the private sector to get their commitments.
6. Establish an Interagency Working Group on Youth and Peacebuilding in Nigeria.
7. Develop a National Plan of Action for the implementation of UNSCR 2250 in
8. Advocate to National Assembly to reduce the age for participation in politics to 20 years.
9. Facilitate inputs into the ongoing global progress study.