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Statement by the Delegation of Nepal, at an interactive dialogue with the delegation of the Republic of Finland during the 13th session of the UPR Working Group, 23 May 2012

Madam President,

Nepal welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Finland to the UPR. While taking note with appreciation the wide-ranging consultations during the preparation of the national report, we commend its quality and content.

The democratic institutions of Finland provide a strong foundation towards human rights protection and promotion. The role of Finland in international development policy areas, peacekeeping and mediation is well recognised. The Committee on the Rights of the Child has noted that Finland devoted 0.56 per cent of its gross national income (GNI) to international assistance and that it has committed to reaching the internationally agreed target of 0.7 per cent of GNI by 2015.

We take note with satisfaction the legal and institutional mechanisms as well as envisioning of projects by the Government of Finland for the promotion and protection of fundamental and human rights in the country. The works towards the development and strengthening of basic structure of society, reducing poverty, inequality and gender disparities are encouraging. The Child and Youth Policy Programme for 2012-2015 is a noteworthy initiative in this respect.

While appreciating the commitment of Finland to promoting the realisation of fundamental and human rights and to monitoring its implementation more systemically and effectively, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the delegation of Finland:

1. Continue efforts in empowering those sections of the society that require special treatment;
2. Take further legislative and institutional measures for the promotion and protection of human rights including those of the immigrants.

Thank you.