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**Statement by the Delegation of Nepal, at an interactive dialogue with the delegation of the Kingdom of Morocco during the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group, 22 May 2012**

Madam President,

My delegation welcomes the special importance attached by the Kingdom of Morocco to the implementation of the recommendations of its UPR in the first cycle and substantial progress made in this regard. We appreciate its active engagement with the Human Rights Council and other United Nations human rights mechanisms.

The guarantee of human rights under its new Constitution is a welcome step. The establishment of the National Human Rights Council, Office of the Ombudsman, and Inter-ministerial Unit on Human Rights is noteworthy. We especially congratulate Morocco for the introduction of strategic planning in the field of human rights, culminating in the adoption of the National Action Plan for Democracy and Human Rights.

My delegation appreciates the continued efforts of Morocco in consolidating its achievements in the promotion and protection of human rights by strengthening the normative and institutional framework. We also commend the reform of the judicial system; promotion of civil and political rights as well as social, cultural and environmental rights; development and consolidation of participatory approach and efforts made in gender mainstreaming.

We would like to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the delegation of Morocco:

1. Continue strengthening the institutional mechanism for the promotion and protection of human rights;
2. Formulate programmes for the effective implementation of the National Action Plan for Democracy and Human Rights; and
3. Continue cooperation with international community in combating the human trafficking.

I thank you.