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Statement by the Delegation of Nepal, at an interactive dialogue with the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland during the 13th session of the UPR Working Group, 24 May 2012

Madam President,

Nepal congratulates the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the comprehensive presentation of the national report. The report outlines a number of important measures the Government has undertaken for the promotion and protection of human rights as well as the progress on the implementation of recommendations made during the first UPR of the UK.

The efforts of the UK in promoting and protecting human rights through various institutional and legislative measures are encouraging. The establishment of national human rights institutions and enactment of Equality Act, 2010 are remarkable in this respect. It ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We take note with appreciation, UK Government's overarching approach to advancing gender equality and determination to eliminate discrimination including through the cross-Government Equality Strategy, "Building a Fairer Britain", published in December 2010. The strategic vision for tackling violence against women and promoting their rights as well as the commitment of the Government to eradicating child poverty is also commendable.

While complimenting for what has been done so far, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the delegation of the UK:

1. Continue efforts in enhancing the welfare of all segments of society and protect their rights; and
2. Take further measures for the promotion and protection of human rights including those of the immigrants.

I thank you Madam President.