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Statement by H. E. Mr. Shanker Das Bairagi, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Nepal, at an interactive dialogue with the delegation of Japan during the 14th session of the UPR Working Group, 31 October 2012

Madam President,

Nepal congratulates the delegation of Japan led by His Excellencyfor the comprehensive presentation of the national report which highlights the progress on the implementation of the recommendations that Japan accepted during its first UPR in 2008 and the development of human rights situations in Japan.

We take note with satisfaction that the Government of Japan is making preparations to submit a bill to establish a human rights commission in accordance with the Paris Principles.

The efforts of Japan in promoting and protecting human rights through institutional and legislative measures are commendable. In particular, the carrying out of human rights remedy and promotion activities through the Human Rights Organs of the Ministry of Justice and the "Third Basic Plan for Gender Equality" that establishes 15 priority fields for creating a gender-equal society are noteworthy.

We appreciate the initiatives taken to prevent violence against women and expand their participation in policy and decision-making processes including through the 'Action Plan to Promote Economic Revival through Women's Active Participation', and protect human rights of the children and the persons with disabilities.

Japan has played a prominent role in promoting global development agenda through its development cooperation programme. Its commitment to support the acceleration of efforts to achieve the MDGs by 2015 is encouraging.

Finally, my delegation would like to recommend the Government of Japan to continue efforts for the protection and promotion of rights of migrants and to complete the process of establishing the national human rights commission.

I thank you Madam President.

Shanker Bairagi,

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