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**Statement by the Delegation of Nepal, at an interactive dialogue with the delegation of the Republic of Korea during the 14<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group, 25 October 2012**

Madam President,

Nepal welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Korea to the UPR. We appreciate the wide-ranging consultations carried out while preparing the national report as well as its quality and contents.

My delegation takes note of the special focus of the Government of the Republic of Korea on the implementation of and the progress on the recommendations of its first UPR. The revision of the National Action Plan for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, adoption of measures to monitor implementation thereon and the UPR follow-up actions at the National Human Rights Policy Council are commendable initiatives in this regard.

The Republic of Korea has played an important role in the field of international development cooperation. In particular, the enactment of the Framework Act on International Development Cooperation in 2010 to ensure the better effectiveness and efficiency of its ODA as well as priority in it to the contribution to achieving MDGs is noteworthy. On the domestic front, it has made commendable efforts for the expansion of the social security benefits as well as the protection and promotion of the rights and welfare of the persons with disabilities.

While appreciating the commitment of the Government of the Republic of Korea for the advancement of human rights by becoming a member of the Human Rights Council for a term beginning 2013, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations for its consideration:

1. Take continuous measures for the protection of the rights of women and other marginalized groups;
2. Continue efforts for the protection of the rights of the migrant workers.

Thank you.