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Statement by the Delegation of Nepal, at an interactive dialogue with the delegation of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg during the 15th session of the UPR Working Group, 24 January 2013

Mr. President,

Nepal congratulates the delegation of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg led by His Excellency, the Minister of Labour, Employment and Immigration for the comprehensive presentation of the national report that focuses on highlighting evolution of the situation since the first UPR cycle.

My delegation takes note of the efforts made in promoting equality between women and men under the policy framework of the Government programme for 2009–2014 and combating discrimination between them so as to involve both sexes in all main spheres of public and private life. We appreciate the enactment of a new Act on Assistance for Children and Families that institutes the legal framework for early and diversified management of harmful situations that may affect children and their families as well as the introduction of a social welfare system that gives priority to the participation of those concerned.

Special focus paid on the rights of the persons with disabilities, reform of the Luxembourg health-care system, and importance attached to the social security as an essential mechanism for ensuring stability and maintaining peoples' standard of living in the face of social hardship, as well as a tool for poverty prevention and eradication equally merit commendation.

While appreciating the commitment of Luxembourg to enhancing the welfare of all segments of society, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Further promote education and training in the area of human rights;
2. Continue efforts to combat discrimination through strengthening of national mechanisms.

I thank you Mr. President.