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Statement by the Delegation of Nepal, at an interactive dialogue with the delegation of the People's Republic of China during the 17th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 22 October 2013

Mr. President

Nepal welcomes the delegation of the People's Republic of China led by H. E. Mr. Wu Hailong, Special Envoy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and congratulates for the comprehensive presentation of the national report that highlights the developments since the first review.

My delegation appreciates the progress made by China in safeguarding the people's rights underpinned by a continual rise in the standard of living. Promulgation of new legislation and strengthening of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights are commendable. We take note with satisfaction continued efforts made by China in ensuring the rights to education, health, religious belief and traditional culture as well as women's and children's rights.

While appreciating the commitment of China for the advancement of human rights, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Continue promoting economic development in all regions and strengthening their self-development capacity.
2. Continue advancing the right to housing for farmers and herdsmen.

Thank you.