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Statement by the delegation of Nepal, at an interactive dialogue with the delegation of Malaysia during the 17th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 24 October 2013

Mr. President

Nepal congratulates the delegation of Malaysia led by H. E. *Ms. Dato. Ho. May. Yong* for the comprehensive presentation of the national report that highlights the efforts to follow up on the previous UPR and the situation of human rights in the country.

My delegation appreciates the institutional and legislative measures taken by Malaysia for the promotion and protection of human rights of its people. We take note with satisfaction that poverty eradication and uplifting living standards of people remain core policy objectives of the government. Progress made by Malaysia in achieving the MDGs is remarkable.

My delegation commends the policy orientation of Malaysia towards ensuring women's equitable share in the acquisition of resources, information, opportunities and in the benefits of development. The national Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (2009-2014) is noteworthy.

While wishing Malaysia all success in its efforts to the promotion and protection of the rights of all segments of society, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Give continuity to strengthening of national human rights mechanisms.
2. Continue efforts to safeguard the dignity and protect the rights of foreign workers, including through requisite institutional and legislative measures.

I thank you Mr. President.