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Statement by the Delegation of Nepal, at an interactive dialogue with the delegation of the Republic of Mauritius during the 17th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 23 October 2013

Mr. President

Nepal welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Mauritius led by H. E. Dr. Arvin Boolell, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius, and congratulates for the comprehensive presentation of the national report.

My delegation takes note with appreciation the high ranking status of Mauritius in such indicators as democracy, economic freedom, environmental performance and human development. Mauritius has taken various institutional and legislative measures for ensuring civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the people. The adoption of a Maurice Ile Durable policy is commendable.

We appreciate the efforts made by Mauritius in ensuring the rights of women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons. In particular, the progress achieved in increasing the participation of women in politics and decision-making is encouraging.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Continue strengthening the national democratic institutions.
2. Give continuity to the measures for the creation of a more inclusive, plural and cohesive society.

I thank you.