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**Statement by the Delegation of Nepal, at an interactive dialogue with the delegation of Cambodia during the 18<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 28 January 2014**

Mr. President

Nepal welcomes the delegation of Cambodia led by H. E. ~~Mr. Mak. Sambath, Vice-Chair of the National Human Rights Committee~~ and congratulates for the comprehensive presentation of the national report.

The report outlines the efforts made by Cambodia towards the promotion and protection of human rights of its people. My delegation appreciates the priority attached to the right to education, right to health services and right to employment. We take note with satisfaction the measures adopted to prohibit the discrimination against women and enhance their mainstreaming through capacity building and behavioral changes.

It is encouraging to note that Cambodia is on track to achieve most of the MDG targets by 2015 buttressed by a healthy growth rates in recent years. We appreciate its desire to enhance the capacity of the citizens to improve human rights and join the global efforts at advancing the common cause for peace, human rights, democracy and social progress.

While wishing Cambodia all success in its UPR engagements, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Continue empowering women, children and underprivileged sections of the society.
2. Give continuity to legislative and institutional reforms for the promotion and protection of human rights.

I thank you.