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Statement by the Delegation of Nepal at the interactive dialogue with the Delegation of Libya during the 22nd session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 13 May 2015

Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of the State of Libya and appreciates the comprehensive presentation of its national report. We note with appreciation various measures executed by Libya in implementation of the pledges and recommendations since the adoption of its initial UPR report.

The Libyan government faces numerous challenges in the backdrop of the long internal conflict, such as building effective State institutions, curbing growing violence and religious extremism, and improving administration of justice and the rule of law. The establishment of the National Council for Civil Liberties and Human Rights in 2013 is a welcome step towards strengthening the situation of human rights in the country. We also hope that the ongoing constitution making process will result in a democratic constitution, guaranteeing fundamental human rights for all.

While wishing Libya a successful UPR, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Give continuity to strengthening of national human rights institutions and mechanisms.
2. Continue efforts to promote the rights of the women, as well as education and health of the Libyan people.
3. Establish a moratorium on the use of the death penalty, aiming for its legal abolition.

I thank you.