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Statement by the Delegation of Nepal at the interactive dialogue with the Delegation of Mongolia during the 22nd session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 5 May 2015

Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Mongolia and appreciates the comprehensive presentation of its national report.

Several measures have been undertaken by the Government of Mongolia to execute the pledges and recommendations of its initial UPR report, and to further promote and protect the human rights of its nationals. We note with appreciation the enactment of various laws, such as the Law on Gender Equality of 2011, the Law on Combatting Human Trafficking of 2012, the Law on Witness and Victim Protection of 2013, and the Law on Providing Legal Assistance to Indigent Defendants of 2013. We also appreciate measures taken by the Government towards combatting maternal mortality and child labour. We welcome the accession of Mongolia to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR in 2012. We appreciate the de facto moratorium on capital punishment in Mongolia since 2010 and hope for early abolition of death penalty through legislative enactment.

While wishing Mongolia 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 and children, and address the still high level of maternal mortality.

I thank you.