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**Statement by the Delegation of Nepal at the interactive dialogue with the Delegation of the United States of America during the 22<sup>nd</sup> session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 11 May 2015**

Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of the United States of America and thanks them for the comprehensive presentation of the national report. We appreciate the efforts made by the US in implementation of the pledges and recommendations since the adoption of its initial UPR report.

We take note that the US has been continuing measures to combat all forms of racial and religious discrimination, hate crimes as well as the use of excessive force in policing.

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

1. Continue strengthening of the existing human rights monitoring mechanisms and consider establishing a national human rights institution, in accordance with the Paris Principles.
2. We note the US Government's support for the ratification of the CEDAW and the CRPD, and request for early ratification of these as well as other core human rights conventions, such as the ICESCR and the CRC.
3. We appreciate that the US Federal Government has carried out no executions since 2003, and request them to consider establishing moratorium on death penalty at the federal as well as states level with a view to ultimately achieve nationwide legal abolition.

I thank you.