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Statement by the Delegation of Nepal at the interactive dialogue with the Delegation of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar during the 23rd session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 6 November 2015

Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the high-level delegation of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and thanks them for the comprehensive presentation of their national report.

We appreciate the efforts made by Myanmar in implementation of the pledges and recommendations since the adoption of its initial UPR report. We note the establishment of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission in 2014, as well as ratification of various international human rights instruments, such as CRPD and Optional Protocol to the CRC.

The Government of Myanmar has been gradually undertaking reform process towards a democratic state, which has been acknowledged and supported by the international community. We congratulate Myanmar on its recent signing of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement. We also wish them all the best for successful holding of the General Elections scheduled for 8 November.

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

1. Give continuity to the democratization process undertaken by the Government.
2. Continue strengthening of the national human rights institutions and mechanisms.
3. Myanmar being a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-religious country, we recommend the Government of Myanmar to continue efforts to strive for all the citizens to live in harmony without discrimination against any races and nationalities.

I thank you.