

**PHILIPPINES**

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Mister President, the Philippines warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Nepal to the 23<sup>rd</sup> UPR session and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its national report.

The Philippines acknowledges the adoption of the new constitution of Nepal, particularly the inclusion of guarantees for fundamental rights and freedoms in line with international standards. It is noteworthy that the new Nepalese constitution also established the democratic political system and is a product of the first democratically elected representatives.

My delegation lauds Nepal for its adherence to human rights-based approach in public policies and development programs, as seen in its national human rights action plans.

The Philippines recognizes that Nepal, as a country coming out from conflict and natural disasters, is in need of enhanced international support for economic development and for reconstruction of infrastructure damaged and destroyed by earthquakes.

My delegation recommends that Nepal consider the following:

1. Continue to engage its partners with the view to build capacity and mobilize resources in support of its development efforts and in fulfilling its human rights obligations; and
2. Consider ratifying the ICRMW and ILO Convention 189; and
3. Ensure that its climate action is informed by its human rights commitments and obligations.

We wish Nepal a successful review. Thank you, Mister President. END