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Mr. President,

Slovenia thanks the distinguished delegation of Nepal for their presentation. We welcome the adoption of the new Constitution, which represents a milestone in the process of state restructuring towards a more inclusive and democratic Nepal. The Constitution establishes an important framework for addressing the gaps that exist in the promotion and protection of human rights, including gender equality and women's rights, the rights of minorities and the rights of migrant workers.

While welcoming the National Master Plan on the Elimination of Child Labour (2011), we continue to be concerned that the high number of children under the minimum age is working. We also note with concern the prevalence of gender-based violence, including domestic and sexual violence.

Bearing this in mind we would like to recommend the following:

- enforce legislation prohibiting child labour, facilitate access to education for poor and disadvantaged children and reinforce labour inspections;
- effectively enforce its legislation on domestic violence and expedite the adoption of the Bill on Gender Equality and Violence against Women.
- facilitate complaints from victims of gender-based violence and their access to justice, prosecute and punish the perpetrators and protect the victims.
- increase awareness-raising campaigns on women's rights and the negative effects of gender-based violence.

Thank you.