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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the distinguished delegation of Nepal to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks the delegation for the comprehensive presentation of its national report.

We recognize that Nepal made strides in its new constitution making process, with the preliminary draft having been endorsed in principle by the Constituent Assembly recently. We trust that the new constitution will ensure all fundamental rights and freedoms including freedom of religion and right to equality of all people in line with international standards and the application of the principle of non-discrimination.

In view of progress already register, South Africa would like to recommend that Nepal should:

- (1) **Ensure implementation of legislation on the minimum wage in all sectors;**
- (2) **Ensure equal opportunities for women in the labour market; and**
- (3) **Ensure equal remuneration to men and women workers for the same work or work of similar nature and for the prevention of discrimination on grounds of sex.**

Finally, Mr. President, my delegation wishes Nepal success in their second review.

I thank you.