

Uganda's Statement on the Review of Nepal

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**Mr. President,**

Uganda welcomes the delegation of Nepal and commends the government for continued engagement with the UPR process despite the many challenges.

We recognize that as a country emerging from conflict and the impact of a devastating earth quake, the priority of the government is first to address the transitional needs of the country for quick recovery before contributing to achieving long-term development goals.

However, a strong and effective National Human Rights Commission is essential for proper administration of justice. We recommend to the Government to enact new legislation to provide for necessary autonomy and independence of the NHRC in accordance with the verdict of the Supreme Court of Nepal.

We also note that Nepal has developed a National Action Plan as a basis for implementing the 2011 UPR recommendations. However, the process was reported as neither consultative nor inclusive of all stakeholders. How does the government intend to address this implementation gap?

Finally, what is the government plan for addressing the reported multiple forms of discrimination against indigenous women in Nepal.

I thank you.