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Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Nepal and thanks for presentation of the National report prepared in consultations with civil society.

We commend the steps taken so far towards the adoption of the new Nepalese Constitution, which should speed up ongoing and long-term economic and social development of the country, as well as reconstruction efforts, including implementation of the reforms enabling people to better enjoy human rights.

Being aware of the difficult situation Nepal is facing following the devastating earthquakes earlier this year and a number of significant human rights challenges in this regard, Ukraine would like **to recommend**:

- to ensure an inclusive dialogue with all Nepalese minority groups;
- to further promote cooperation with the HRC Special Procedures, including facilitating the visits of the mandates holders to the country.

Recognizing crucial importance of prevention of human rights violations, we would also like to encourage the Government of Nepal to consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture as well as other international human rights documents.

Thank you, Mr. President.