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Thank you Mr President/Vice President

Afghanistan extends a warm welcome to the distinguished Delegation of Nepal to the 23rd session of the UPR Working Group and thanks the esteemed delegation for the informative and comprehensive presentation of its national report. We appreciate Nepal's continued positive engagement in the UPR process.

Afghanistan highly values the strong commitment of the Government of Nepal in strengthening the institutional structures for the protection and promotion of human rights through the establishment of National Human Rights Institutions. We likewise note with great enthusiasm all the positive improvements made since its first UPR cycle, which include the establishment of transitional justice mechanism, improvement in the security system and the criminal justice system.

We appreciate the measures taken by the Government of Nepal to gradually provide secondary education for free and primary education as compulsory. We hope progresses in that regard will be sustained and strengthen; therefore we wish to recommend Nepal to accelerate the process of considering the Bill currently under consideration at the Ministry of Education of Nepal.

Finally, Afghanistan would like to offer its best wishes to the Government and people of Nepal in their future endeavors towards the promotion and protection of Human Rights in their country.

Thank

Mr. Babakerkhail