

Twenty Third UPR Working Group: Review of Nepal

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First Secretary*

Mr. President,

My delegation extends warm welcome to..... and appreciate the delegation for presenting an updated national report before us.

As Himalayan neighbours, Bhutan and Nepal share many important characteristics with similar aspirations and challenges.

As a country that lies in the seismic zone with frequent earthquakes, Bhutan can empathize the suffering and the damage the devastating earthquake of April 2015 has inflicted upon the people of Nepal. While Bhutan was able to play a small part in the relief efforts, we commend the excellent job the government of Nepal has done in responding to the disaster and for ensuring a high-quality relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction in a post-earthquake context.

We would also like to laud the Nepalese government for their efforts in bring about gender equality in politics and work life which is evident from the increased representation of women in parliament, and the recent election of the first woman President and first woman Speaker is a big achievement.

Mr. President

As Nepal approaches its crucial stage of political transformation process with the adoption of its constitution in September 2015, we hope that the rational will prevail and all the issues will be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

As it paves the way for reconstruction and overcome the political roadblocks for peace and stability, our best wishes are with the people and government of Nepal and we call upon the international community to render continued support and goodwill.

In conclusion, we recommend Nepal to seek enhanced international support for economic development and reconstruction of infrastructure damaged and destroyed due to the conflict and the devastating earthquakes.

Thank you, Mr. President