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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the representative of the Government of Nepal.

Since the last review Nepal, in the context of the national human rights action plan 2014-2019 and the national follow up mechanism on UPR recommendations, continued to take steps towards further promotion of human rights. Egypt welcomes the establishment of the transitional justice mechanisms, the enhancement of the political representation of women, addressing the risk of exploitation of migrant workers and extending consolidated social protection measures particularly for the poorest and most disadvantaged. We are also encouraged by the progress achieved in relation to reducing maternal and child mortality, promoting children and women's rights and poverty eradication.

We are of the view that the development partners need to continue to robustly support the efforts of Nepal being a Least Developed Country that suffered from years of brutal conflict and devastating natural disasters.

Moreover, my delegation seeks the views of the delegation on the expected positive contribution of the new constitution once adopted on human rights protection and promotion in the country.

In conclusion, Egypt recommends the following for the kind consideration of the Government of Nepal:

- 1- To consider ratifying the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and their Families (ICRMW) and the Palermo Protocol.
- 2- To maintain its resolve to eliminate harmful practices against women and children and to consider adopting a national legislation on combating sexual harassment.
- 3- To provide protection to the family as the natural and fundamental unit of the society.

I thank you.
