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**Statement**  
**by H.E Mr. Thongphane SAVANPHET**  
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**Review of Nepal: 4 November, at 14 : 30 - 18:00 hours**

Mr. President

Mr. Kamal THAPA, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The Lao delegation warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Nepal led by H.E /....., and would like to thank for the comprehensive presentation of the National Report on human rights situation in the country.

My delegation pleases to note Nepal's strong commitment to promotion and protection of human rights in the country by ratifying 7 out of 9 Core of Human Rights Conventions, enacting and amending laws and regulations, and improving the national policy on human rights and the normative and structure frameworks in order to create favorable conditions for people to exercise their fundamental rights and freedom.

My delegation notes with appreciation that, through implementation of the accepted UPR recommendations and Treaty bodies that Nepal is party to, the Government of Nepal has made significant progress in the field of educational sectors and health care services, combating human trafficking, addressing poverty and enhancing gender equality and women empowerment by encouraging at least 40 % representation of women in local bodies.

In this connection, my delegation wishes to recommend Nepal for consideration the following:

1. Continue its efforts to implement ongoing national policies to guarantee quality education to the multi-ethnic people.
2. Continue to enhance measures on protecting the rights of children, women and other vulnerable groups.

We wish Nepal a very success in its Second Cycle of UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President