



STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Nepal to the 23rd Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. We welcome Nepal's consultative approach with regard to its UPR process and appreciate that all four recommendations made by Malaysia during its first cycle UPR, related to the rights of women, children and indigenous peoples, amongst others, have been accepted by Nepal. We note the progress made in these areas.

3. Moreover, we also commend the efforts and progress made by Nepal since its first Review, particularly on the strengthening of its legislative and institutional frameworks on human rights. In particular, we commend Nepal for adopting and implementing the National Strategy and Action Plan on Gender Empowerment and Elimination of Gender Based Violence (2013-2018), which serve as an umbrella policy in the furtherance of the promotion and protection of the rights of women in the country. In line with this positive step, my delegation would like to **recommend** that Nepal double its efforts in promoting gender equality including through awareness raising programme to combat negative stereotyping against women.

4. We are also encouraged to note that various efforts have been undertaken by Nepal in poverty alleviation and in providing food security to its population, notwithstanding the challenges it faces. In this connection, my delegation would like to **recommend** that Nepal step-up its measures in ensuring effective implementation of its poverty alleviation policy as well as considering adopting a comprehensive national strategy to ensure food and nutrition security for *all its people*.

5. Finally, we wish Nepal every success in its second cycle UPR.

I thank you.

GENEVA
4 November 2015