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**Statement by the Delegation of Nepal at the interactive dialogue with the Delegation of Denmark during the 24th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 21 January 2016**

Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the high-level delegation of Denmark and thanks them for the presentation of their national report in a comprehensive manner.

We appreciate the efforts made by Denmark in implementation of the pledges and recommendations since the adoption of its initial UPR report. It is encouraging to learn that a number of laws with regard to the issues of children, vulnerable persons/persons with disabilities, refugees and immigrants, among others, have entered into force to ensure further improvement of the human rights situation in the country. To its credit, Denmark also contributes a substantial amount of development assistance to several developing countries around the world to foster their socio-economic development, which creates a platform for better human rights promotion in these countries. Its support for capacity building of national human rights institutions has remained appreciable. Denmark has also been making generous financial contribution towards the cause of human rights through the OHCHR and various other mechanisms.

While wishing Denmark a successful UPR, my delegation would like to recommend Denmark to continue its development assistance to the developing countries for better realization of socio-economic rights as part of a globally inclusive and sustainable development agenda.

I thank you.