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**Statement by the Delegation of Nepal at the interactive dialogue with the Delegation of Greece during the 25th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 3 May 2016**

Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Greece and thanks them for the comprehensive presentation of their national report.

We appreciate the efforts made by Greece in implementation of the pledges and recommendations since the adoption of its initial UPR report. Despite experiencing a severe economic crisis for the last several years, we appreciate that Greece has continued its endeavours for further promotion and protection of human rights. The measures adopted by Greece in dealing with the adverse impact of the economic crisis in the enjoyment of human rights, paying particular attention to the most vulnerable sectors of the society, are appreciable. We note that Greece has ratified a number of international human rights instruments such as CRPD and its Optional Protocol as well as developed its first National Action Plan on Human Rights and a National Plan on the Rights of the Child in recent time. We also appreciate the efforts made by the Greek Government to promote integration of migrants, and combat racism and racial discrimination in the country and society.

While wishing Greece a successful UPR, my delegation would like to recommend that Greece continues its efforts to mitigate the negative impacts of the economic crisis and austerity measures on the most disadvantaged segments of the population.

I thank you.