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**Statement by the Delegation of Nepal at the interactive dialogue with the Delegation of Uganda during the 26th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 3 November 2016**

Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Uganda and thanks them for the presentation of a comprehensive national report.

Uganda has taken various measures in the implementation of the pledges and recommendations of its initial UPR report and shown dedicated efforts in the fulfilment of its human rights commitments. It is notable that a number of national action plans, including the National Action Plan on Human Rights, are in place to ensure more effective promotion and protection of human rights. On the institutional front, the establishment of Equal Opportunities Commission, the Human Rights Cabinet Sub-Committee, and the Inter-Ministerial Technical Committee on Human Rights are laudable progress. We also appreciate the various laws enacted in recent years to prohibit harmful social practices, and violence and discrimination against women.

As a fellow LDC, Nepal is well aware of the challenges poverty, low level of socio-economic development and paucity of resources and capacity constraints pose in the enjoyment of universal human rights. Despite the challenges, efforts of the Government of Uganda towards realizing the economic, social and cultural rights of its nationals through investment in health, education, and agriculture sectors are appreciable.

My delegation wishes the Government of Uganda all success in its current UPR, and makes the following recommendations:

1. Intensify efforts to reduce maternal and child mortality rates.
2. Give continuity to strengthening of national human rights institutions and mechanisms.

 I thank you.