**Nepal’s statement during the UPR of Brazil**

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Brazil.

We appreciate various measures undertaken by Brazil in promoting and protecting human rights of its nationals. Efforts geared towards reduction of poverty and promotion of social equality are commendable. It’s heartening to note Brazil’s exemplary achievement in the fight against modern slavery. The dynamic economic growth of Brazil in recent decades has been remarkable, which helped lifting 36 million Brazilians out of extreme poverty between 2004 and 2014. Progress made in the health sector, such as reducing infant mortality and combating child malnutrition and HIV contamination, is encouraging. The launch of the National Education Plan 2014-2024 with the goal of guaranteeing quality basic education and reducing inequalities in education sector is noteworthy. We commend the efforts to promote gender equality and combat violence against women through various policy and legislative interventions.

While wishing Brazil a successful UPR, my delegation would like to make following recommendations:

1. Continue efforts to strengthen the national human rights institutions.
2. Continue efforts to develop and implement inclusive health and education policies to benefit all segments of society.

I thank you.