**Statement of Nepal during the UPR of India**

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of India. We appreciate the active and constructive role India has been playing in the Human Rights Council.

True to its multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multi-linguistic characteristics, India has been successful in upholding the ethos of respect for diversity and plurality in the country. A range of contributory factors that include a rights-oriented constitutional framework, a secular polity and independent judiciary, a range of national and state level commissions, a free press and a vibrant civil society have created an excellent framework for better realization of human rights in such a complex society that constitutes India.

We commend various measures undertaken for the promotion and protection of human rights including those for the protection and welfare of the vulnerable and marginalized population. It is encouraging that utmost priority has been attached to an inclusive and sustainable development through a robust set of socio-economic policies and strategies that seek to address basic needs of people including health, education, poverty alleviation, women empowerment, food security, and social security measures.

As a friendly neighbour, Nepal wishes India all success in its UPR process and recommends that it continues its endeavours in promoting and protecting the human rights of all its citizens in an inclusive manner.

Thank you.