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

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Indonesia.

It is encouraging to note that Indonesia ratified a number of human rights treaties and enacted various legislations in recent years to create a strengthened environment for better enjoyment of human rights. We appreciate that Indonesia has projected a human right based vision to promote a democratic society through the National Medium Term Development Plan (2015-2019), and the “Building Indonesia from the periphery” agenda has been put in place to fulfil the basic rights and social welfare of the people from backward, remote and frontier areas.

Similarly, prioritized investment of the government in education sector with a view to ensure the right to education as an enabler of development through measures such as allocation of 20% of budget for education, and introduction of the 12-year compulsory education and the Universal Secondary Education initiatives, is commendable.

While wishing Indonesia a successful UPR, my delegation makes following recommendations:

1. Continue efforts on women empowerment in order to enhance their meaningful participation in socio-economic and political decision-making process.
2. Continue efforts to combat harmful traditional practices against women and girls.

 I thank you.