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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

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**Mr. Vice-President,**

Nepal welcomes the delegation of Colombia to the fourth cycle of UPR and thanks them for the presentation of the report.

We take positive note of the continuous engagement of Colombia with the Special Procedure Mandate Holders and the Treaty Bodies.

The establishment of Ministry of Equality and Equity; strengthening of the Reintegration Councils; and the reformulation of National Culture Plan (2022-2032) to protect the diversity of life and land, are praiseworthy initiatives.

National Human Rights Strategy (2014-2034) being coordinated with the Institutional Improvement Plan is appreciable.

In the spirit of cooperative dialogue, we recommend them to:

1. Step up the efforts to advance the implementation of the Final Peace Agreement by taking all stakeholders on board.
2. Scale up efforts towards preventing gender-based violence and providing support to the victims.

We wish Colombia a successful review.

Thank you.