

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Ram Prasad Subedi, Permanent Representative/Ambassador of Nepal**

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**Madam Vice-President,**

Nepal welcomes the delegation of Russian Federation to the fourth cycle of UPR and thanks them for the presentation of report and oral update.

My delegation takes positive note of the adoption of the National Women’s Strategy for ensuring equal protection and promotion of rights of women.

In a constructive spirit, Nepal recommends the following:

1. Continue further strengthening the legislative and institutional framework for eliminating gender-based violence and discrimination.
2. Continue efforts to strengthen measures for combatting trafficking in person.
3. Consider ratifying the second optional protocol to the ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of death penalty.

We wish the Russian Federation a successful UPR.

I thank you Madam.