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**Mr. Vice-President,**

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

We congratulate the Republic of Uzbekistan on the adoption of national Constitution, which safeguards basic human and civil rights, freedoms, and prohibits death penalty, among others.

We take positive note of the establishment of the National Commission on the Enhancement of the Role of Women in Society, Gender Equality and the Family; and the adoption of the National Human Rights Strategy of Uzbekistan.

The introduction of the National Database for Follow-up on the Human Right Recommendations in 2020 is noteworthy.

While wishing the Republic of Uzbekistan a successful fourth cycle review, we recommend the following for their consideration:

1. Strengthen efforts to upgrade the national human right institution to category A as per the Paris Principles.
2. Continue its measures to combat trafficking in person and forced labour.

I thank you Mr. Vice-President.