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**Madam Vice-President,**

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

We take positive note of Belize's commitment to implement recommendations from the previous UPR through legislative and administrative measures.

We appreciate the implementation of Human Rights and Use of Force Policy to prevent arbitrary detention and misuse of power.

We value the implementation of Spotlight Initiative for addressing violence against women and the Road Map to End Child Marriage and Early Unions in Belize.

In a constructive spirit, Nepal recommends the following for the consideration of the delegation of Belize:

1. Consider ratifying the 2nd Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) aiming to the abolition of the death penalty.
2. Consider establishing a specialized juvenile justice system.
3. Continue efforts to formulate and implement effective social protection system.
4. Continue efforts to ensure free access to education from pre-school to junior college.

We wish Belize a successful review.

I thank you