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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

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**Mr. Vice-President,**

Nepal welcomes the delegation of the Republic of the Congo to the fourth cycle of UPR and thanks them for presenting the national report.

We take positive note of “Police +” programme aimed at preventing torture and all forms of cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment.

We commend Congo’s efforts to Combat Gender-based Violence.

In a constructive spirit, we recommend Congo the following for their consideration:

1. Continue its efforts in increasing women’s representation in the decision-making bodies.
2. Devise necessary strategies to combat maternal mortality.
3. Step up efforts to ensure the independence of National Human Rights Commission in accordance with the Paris Principles.

We wish the Republic of the Congo a successful fourth cycle review.

I thank you.