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**Statement by His Excellency Mr. Ram Prasad SUBEDI, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Nepal at the 46th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

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**Mr. Vice-President,**

Nepal welcomes the delegation of Eritrea to the fourth cycle of UPR and appreciates their constructive engagement with the review process.

We take positive note of the implementation of National Indicative Development Plan to accelerate socio-economic progress.

The efforts made to increasing access to education and health care are appreciable.

In a constructive spirit, we recommend Eritrea the following:

1. Continue efforts to strengthen the legal and institutional frameworks for the promotion and protection of human rights in line with the Paris principles.
2. Consider ratifying second optional protocol to ICCPR, aiming at abolition of death penalty.
3. Redouble efforts to ensure children’s access to education, particularly girls’ enrollment and retention.

We wish Eritrea a successful review.

**I thank you, Mr. Vice-President.**