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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

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**Mr. President,**

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

We take positive note of endorsement of Inter-Ministerial National Mechanism on human rights and welcome the initiatives towards combatting exploitation of migrant workers.

In a constructive spirit, we would like to recommend New Zealand the following:

1. Continue its efforts in minimizing the gender pay gap.
2. Ensure scaling up climate finance.
3. Continue its efforts in protecting and promoting a free, open, and secure internet.
4. Continue its efforts in eliminating racism in all forms.

We wish New Zealand a successful review.

**Thank you, Mr. President.**