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**Statement by His Excellency Mr. Ram Prasad SUBEDI, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Nepal at the**

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**Mr. Vice-President,**

Nepal welcomes the delegation of Republic of North Macedonia to the fourth cycle of UPR and thanks them for the presentation of national report.

We take positive note of the National Strategy for Development of Penitentiary System 2021-2025.

The adoption of the Strategy for gender equality 2022-2027 is appreciable.

In a constructive spirit, Nepal recommends the following:

1. Implement social protection measures to encourage the social protection of the persons with disabilities.
2. Continue its efforts towards combating violence against women.
3. Sustain efforts to prevent human trafficking.

We wish Republic of North Macedonia a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.