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**Mr. Vice-President,**

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

We take encouraging note of the National Gender Equality Policy as well as the Vanuatu Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction Policy.

Also, the establishment of Medical Disability Registry Database System is praiseworthy.

In a constructive spirit, we recommend Vanuatu the following:

1. Expedite the process for establishing a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles.
2. Continue efforts in increasing women’s participation in public and political life.
3. Strengthen measures to curb gender-based violence.

Nepal wishes Vanuatu a successful review.

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