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**Mr. President,**

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

We appreciate Costa Rica’s constructive engagements with the human rights instruments and mechanisms and take good note of the actions taken in follow up to the recommendations of the last UPR.

We take positive note of the policy measures to achieve gender equality and eradicate all forms of violence against women.

In a constructive spirit, we recommend Costa Rica the following:

1. Continue efforts towards ensuring equal participation of women in all spheres of life.
2. Strengthen measures to safeguard the vulnerable communities affected by climate change.
3. Take further actions to improve working conditions, promote decent work and eliminate wage gap.

We wish Costa Rica a successful review.

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