**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of the Czech Republic**

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of the Czech Republic to their 3rd UPR. We appreciate that most of the recommendations accepted by them during the second UPR are being implemented with sincerity.

Since its last review, the Czech Government has ratified a number of important international human rights instruments, and adopted various strategic measures, which include adoption and ongoing implementation of the National Strategy to Protect Children’s Rights; the National Strategy for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings; the Strategy for Equality Between Women and Men, the Action Plan for Balanced Representation of Women and Men in Decision-making Positions, and the Action Plan for the Prevention of Domestic and Gender-motivated Violence. They have made efforts to combat discrimination and shun violence through education and public awareness campaigns and promotion of tolerance and respect for diversity.

My delegation appreciates the Czech Government for making regular financial contribution to the OHCHR. In the same vein, it could gear up its contribution to meet the global target of 0.7 percent GNI for development assistance, as advised by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

While appreciating the good work of the Czech Public Defender of Rights (ombudsperson) in the promotion and protection of human rights, **we recommend the Czech Government to strengthen the mandate of the ombudsperson and equip it to function in full conformity with the Paris Principles.**

My delegation wishes the Czech Republic a successful UPR.

Thank you.