**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Pakistan to their 3rd UPR.

Pakistan’s commitment to human rights is manifest from the various legal, policy and institutional measures undertaken in the recent years. We believe that the establishment of a separate Ministry of Human Rights, operationalization of the National Commission on Human Rights, and setting up of commissions at various levels to address wider dimensions of human rights have created stronger promotion and protection frameworks. The launching of first National Action Plan on Human Rights last year goes in tandem.

Efforts directed towards further consolidating democracy and creating an environment for better realization of economic, social and cultural rights are noteworthy.

We commend Pakistan’s role at the Human Rights Council and its constructive engagement with the international human rights mechanisms. We, however, echo the concerns at resumption of death penalty, and encourage the Government to consider reinstating the moratorium.

While wishing Pakistan a successful review, my delegation makes the following recommendations for their consideration:

1. Give continuity to strengthening of the national human rights institutions.
2. Continue implementing measures to safeguard the rights of women, children and other marginalized and vulnerable segments of the society.

Thank you.