**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

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Mr. President,

Nepal welcomes the South Korean delegation to the 3rd UPR.

We commend the important contribution made by the Republic of Korea in the work of the Human Rights Council, more particularly the role played as President of the Council for the year 2016.

My delegation appreciates the increasing level of contribution made by the South Korean Government to ODA, which serves the fundamental purpose of reducing poverty and inequality, and thus helping in overall promotion of human rights in developing countries.

Efforts in promoting and protecting the rights of women and children through measures such as combating gender-based discrimination and domestic and sexual violence, and ensuring gender equality are noteworthy. We appreciate the ongoing efforts in strengthening the national human rights institution, and encourage an early launching of the third national action plan on human rights. We note that the Republic of Korea is a de facto abolitionist country having not carried out capital punishment since 1997, and encourage the Government to consider declaring official moratorium on death penalty with an aim of abolishing the practice in the long run.

Nepal would like to make following recommendations for consideration of the Korean delegation:

1. Take continuous measures for the protection of the rights of women, children and other marginalized groups.
2. Continue efforts for the protection of the rights and promotion of welfare of the migrant workers.

My delegation wishes the Republic of Korea a successful UPR.

Thank you.