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**Statement of the Republic of Korea**

Thank you, Madam President.

The Republic of Korea warmly welcomes the delegation of Nepal.

We commend Nepal’s efforts to eliminate harmful practices against women and girls such as *Chhaupadi*, in accordance with the newly adopted Constitution of Nepal in 2015. We also welcome the adoption of the Fifth National Human Rights Action Plan (2020-2025) and encourage the Government of Nepal to make continued efforts for its successful implementation.

In a constructive spirit, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Take necessary measures to guarantee the independence of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and to ensure that perpetrators of human rights violations are brought to justice;
2. Continue to strengthen its efforts to prevent and eliminate discrimination based on caste, including through the full and effective implementation of the *Caste-based Discrimination and Untouchability Act (2011)*; and
3. Intensify efforts to promote cooperation with the UN human rights system, and consider issuing a standing invitation to Special Procedures mandate holders.

We wish Nepal a successful review.

Thank you, Madam President. /END/