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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

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**Mr. President,**

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the third cycle of UPR and thanks them for the presentation of report.

The National Plan 2019-2025 for the Economic and Social Development aiming to preserve environment is praiseworthy.

We take appreciative note of the National Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons 2021-2025.

While wishing Venezuela a successful review, we recommend the following for their consideration:

1. Consider implementing measures to upgrade the Office of the Ombudsman to a ‘A’ category institution in line with the Paris Principles.
2. Continue measures to promote gender equality and counter all forms of discrimination.

I thank you.