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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of France**

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Mr. President,

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

Continued efforts by France to ratify additional human rights instruments and adopt various measures to further promote and protect human rights are laudable. Measures taken to ensure gender parity in political and public life, commitment to combating discrimination in all potential socio-economic sectors, and development of relevant national action plan for implementation are positive achievements.

We appreciate France’s adherence to the principles of universality and indivisibility of human rights. Their contribution through Overseas Development Assistance to help the people in poorer countries reflects this commitment. We encourage them to gear up their contribution to meet the global target of 0.7 percent of GNI for development assistance.

The Government of France has played a leading role in addressing the global issue of climate change. We particularly praise the adoption of the Paris Agreement in 2015 under the French leadership.

We recommend the following for the consideration of the French delegation:

1. Continue efforts to combat gender-based violence against women.

My delegation wishes the French delegation a successful UPR.

Thank you.