**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Luxembourg and congratulates them on the presentation of a comprehensive national report highlighting actions undertaken by the Government to fulfill recommendations from the previous UPR cycle.

Continued efforts by Luxembourg to adopt various measures to further promote and protect human rights of its citizens as well foreigners living in the country are laudable. We appreciate the establishment of the Interministerial Human Rights Committee in 2015 to further inter-agency cooperation and coordination in the field of human rights and to increase the alignment of the domestic and external policies of Luxembourg. Several steps taken towards enhancing gender equality and women’s political and economic participation are commendable. We also welcome various measures undertaken to combat trafficking in persons.

We appreciate the social welfare system put in place in Luxembourg that supports the poor and the needy. Regular financial contribution to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights reflects Luxembourg’s commitment to the cause of human rights at the global level. My delegation would like to encourage the Government of Luxembourg to ensure timely submission of its periodic reports to various treaty bodies.

Finally, Nepal would like to recommend Luxembourg to **continue its efforts to combat racial discrimination and xenophobia**.

We wish the delegation of Luxembourg a successful UPR cycle.

Thank you.