**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of the United Arab Emirates**

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the UAE delegation to this review.

We welcome various measures taken by UAE to promote and protect human rights. We find UAE’s efforts in promoting women’s empowerment, combating discrimination, fighting human trafficking, and advancing education and healthcare of the population particularly notable.

It’s encouraging to note that UAE has been putting efforts to improve the condition of foreign migrant workers. We encourage them to continue necessary measures to protect the rights of migrant workers, and pay particular attention on improving their access to justice, protecting them from abusive practices and conditions, and regulating their working conditions.

Nepal would also like to encourage UAE to ratify important human rights instruments such as ICCPR and ICESCR. We further call on the UAE Government to establish an immediate moratorium on death penalty.

We recommend the following for their consideration:

1. Continue efforts to ensure the safety, security and dignity of the migrant workers, including women domestic workers, and protection of their interests through requisite institutional and legislative measures.
2. Establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.
3. Continue measures to empower women and combat discrimination and violence against them.

We wish UAE a successful UPR.

Thank you.