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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

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Thank you, Mr. Vice-President!

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Bangladesh and appreciates its efforts in strengthening the national human rights institutions and adoption of effective legal and administrative measures for protection and promotion of human rights.

We congratulate Bangladesh on having declared its plan for graduation from LDC category. It is noteworthy that the highest gender equality status in South Asia is achieved by Bangladesh.

We appreciate your Government for generously hosting a large number of refugees on humanitarian ground, and for making conscious efforts in maintaining religious harmony.

My delegation makes following recommendations:

1. Strengthen existing monitoring mechanisms to protect women and children from all forms of violence and exploitation.
2. Enhance inter-governmental dialogue and cooperation to protect and promote the rights of migrant workers.

We wish Bangladesh every success in this UPR cycle.

Thank you!