**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of Burkina Faso**

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Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Burkina Faso.

We appreciate various measures undertaken to strengthen the general framework for the promotion and protection of human rights. Constructive engagement in the implementation of UPR recommendations and reporting to the Treaty Bodies are positive steps on the advancement of human rights situation.

Initiatives such as curbing corruption, prevention and control of torture, protection of the rights of children and the elderly, and respecting the role of the human rights defenders are important measures in creating conducive environment for greater respect for and enjoyment of human rights.

Promulgation of the Act on the prevention, punishment and reparation of violence against women and girls; launch of the programme for the economic empowerment of young people and women, and the national strategy for the prevention and elimination of child marriage are positive steps towards empowerment of women and achieving gender equality.

We commend the adoption of a law establishing the National Human Rights Commission, and encourage the Government to make this important body fully functional.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Burkina Faso:

1. Continue further strengthening of national human rights institutions and mechanisms.

1. Expand human rights education and awareness raising activities.

We wish Burkina Faso a successful UPR.

Thank you.