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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of Cabo Verde**

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Cabo Verde and commends the comprehensive national report presented by them.

We appreciate Cabo Verde’s commitments to the issues raised in the previous review cycles and its regularity in submission of national reports to treaty bodies. On the institutional front, the recent plan to transform the National Human Rights Institution (CNDHC) in conformity with the Paris Principles is laudable.

 My delegation appreciates that planned approach to gender equality. Controlling violence against women are notable achievements during the review period. Adoption of the National Gender Equality Plan, establishment of the Ministry of Family and Social Inclusion, launching of 2nd National Action Plan to combat gender-based violence and institution of a support fund for victims are positive steps. The Government has also taken several timely initiatives in protecting the rights of children. The social protection system has been well developed and has also received international acclaim.

We note and encourage Cabo Verde’s efforts to combat trafficking in persons by criminalizing such act through strengthening of the Penal Code and development of a relevant National Action Plan.

My delegation makes following recommendations to the Government of Cabo Verde:

1. Continue efforts to further strengthen the national human rights institution and related mechanisms.
2. Take effective measures for inclusive socio-economic development of the people.

Finally, we wish Cabo Verde a successful UPR.

Thank you.