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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of Cameroon**

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Cameroon.

The launching of National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (2015-2019) and strengthening of the National Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms are significant steps in promoting human rights.

We note that the Strategy Paper adopted for the Education Sector (2013-2020) aims to promote equal access of all children to quality education.

We welcome the national multisectoral programme and strategic plan to combat maternal, neonatal and child mortality as specific measures to deal with the problem of high maternal mortality rate. The ongoing efforts towards ensuring better access to healthcare are also laudable.

We wish Cameroon further success in curbing gender-based violence and discrimination, and promoting the empowerment of women. Adoption of the National Gender Policy Paper in 2014 followed by the multisectoral action plan for its implementation and updating of the National Strategy to Combat Gender-based violence in 2016 are good examples. We encourage continuation of these positive measures.

We recommend the following for consideration of the Government of Cameroon:

1. Apply measures to strengthen the national human rights institutions.
2. Continue efforts to eliminate discriminatory and harmful traditional practices against women and girls.

Finally, we wish Cameroon a successful UPR.

Thank you.