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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of Colombia**

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Colombia.

We congratulate Colombia for achieving a historic achievement through the signing of the Peace Agreement in November 2016.

We appreciate continuous efforts of Colombia in protecting human rights through such enduring measures as providing free basic education, fighting human trafficking, combating sexual violence against women and domestic violence, and reducing poverty.

The National Strategy for Guaranteeing Human Rights as well as the establishment of institutional framework for the protection of human rights defenders are important initiatives.

We encourage the Government to enhance prevention and protection program for victims of the conflict and enhance initiatives for achievement of inclusive development in the country.

My delegation recommends the following for the consideration of the Government of Colombia:

1. Continue measures to effectively combat sexual and gender-based violence against women.
2. Continue the peacebuilding efforts by taking all stakeholders on board.

Finally, we wish Colombia a successful UPR.

Thank you.