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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of Cuba**

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Cuba.

We appreciate the active engagement of Cuba in the Human Rights Council and mechanisms.

We commend Cuba for its remarkable achievement in the health and education sectors. The Cuban healthcare system that provides universal and free coverage has received international acclaim.

Cuba’s achievement in the area of gender equality and women’s empowerment has been exemplary, which is illustrated in the high level of women’s participation in political and public life.

My delegation makes following recommendations:

1. Ratify the ICCPR and the ICESCR.
2. Establish an NHRI in accordance with the Paris Principles.
3. Continue efforts to combat gender-based and domestic violence.

Finally, we wish Cuba a successful UPR.

Thank you.