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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

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Mr. President,

Nepal welcomes the delegation of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia led by the President of the Human Rights Commission to the 3rd UPR cycle.

We appreciate Saudi Arabia for their comprehensive report, which highlights the important measures taken for the implementation of the recommendations made during the second review.

We welcome the implementation of the Saudi Vision 2030 and also note the important role played by the King Abdulaziz Centre for National Dialogue in advancing the values of moderation and promoting national cohesion.

The initiatives taken by Saudi Arabia to promote and protect the wellbeing of women, children, the elderly and persons with disabilities are appreciable.

Nepal wishes to recommend the following for their consideration:

* Continue further measures to promote and protect the rights of migrant workers by ensuring effective access to complaint mechanism and enhancing their welfare.
* Enhance measures to protect and promote the freedom of opinion and expression.

We wish Saudi Arabia a successful UPR.

Thank you.