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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal on UPR of Malaysia**

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Malaysia, and thanks them for comprehensive report on the progress made in protection and promotion of human rights since the last review.

We welcome the launching of the national human rights action plan in March 2018 with a view to ensure constructive engagement of all stakeholders in advancing human rights issues.

Announcement of moratorium on the use of death penalty and pledge towards abolishing the death penalty are commendable.

We also appreciate the measures adopted for gender parity and women’s empowerment.

While wishing Malaysia a successful review, we recommend the following:

1. Consider early ratification of core international human rights instruments, particularly ICCPR and ICESCR.
2. Continue to take further necessary measures to ensure protection of the rights of migrant workers.

Thank you.