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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of New Zealand**

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Mr. President,

Nepal welcomes the delegation of New Zealand to the 3rd UPR and thanks them for the presentation of their report.

We commend the measures taken by New Zealand in response to the recommendations made during the second review.

It is remarkable that initiatives have been successfully implemented to ensure participation of women in the leadership positions. The leadership of New Zealand in gender equality is much appreciated.

Nepal further applauds New Zealand’s commitment to fulfilling its international humanitarian commitments and responsibilities to provide protection to refugees.

Nepal recommends New Zealand the following:

1. Continue efforts to ensure the representation of women in positions of leadership in all sectors

2. Give continuity to strengthening national human rights institutions

My delegation wishes New Zealand a successful UPR.

Thank you.