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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of Afghanistan**

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Mr. President,

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

We applaud the measures taken by Afghanistan in response to the recommendations made during the second review.

We commend the resilience and perseverance of the peoples of Afghanistan. We wish for an expedited and sustainable conclusion to the peace process in Afghanistan.

Nepal recommends Afghanistan the following:

1. Continue legislative and administrative reforms to prevent all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls

2. Continue strengthening national human rights institution in accordance to Paris Principles

My delegation wishes Afghanistan a successful UPR.

Thank you.